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## Getting them built is not pure fantasy, it's plain hard work

Not long ago I received a letter from a young architect who has just opened an office in "a small conservative Midwestern town." And he told a familiar story: "The clients on my first building asked for 'Early American' design. After three preliminaries we compromised with my original building and two of their bay windows . . .

"My point is this: each month I look forward to your publication. I read it cover to cover, enjoy the current buildings, marvel at the millions spent, and attempt to absorb new construction and engineering techniques. However, I feel that this is pure fantasy, and that worlds and clients such as these cannot possibly exist. Some clients are most difficult to work with, some have little money, most are ignorant of good design and slap down progressive ideas.

"There must be hundreds of young architects who are in a position much like mine. . . . We believe in quality architecture, but very few of us have the clients and the financing to produce many of the fine buildings that you show. . . ."

Well, I'm sympathetic. I'm all for clients who know what they want and what they want is good architecture, and I'm all for clients with plenty of money. But there are very few of those. We've never surveyed the question formally, but I would guarantee that the architects whose work we publish have not somehow met, one after another, the rare client who is easy to work with, has plenty of money to spend, has thought about the values of architecture, and is receptive to new ideas.

It is no doubt true that some architects get a certain number of commissions because they are well known. But mostly, I feel certain you'd find the architects (even the best-known architects) of almost all the work we publish have had to work very hard and carefully to sell (if you'll pardon the expression) themselves, their ideas, their approach, and—eventually—their design.

In an earlier editorial (RECORD, March) I argued the case for the architect who, in being interviewed for a job, talks as if he believed in architecture instead of coming on with the same flexibility and sensitivity to the way the wind is blowing as a used-car salesman. He is then in a position-whether or not the client is difficult to work with, ignorant of good design and prone to slap down progressive ideas-to argue his ideas on his own ground; on architectural ground. An architect, it is to be hoped. will bring to discussions of design some ideas that the client could not possibly have conceived, and which he has to be persuaded are the right thing to build. I'd invite you to decide, for example, whether the bold and beautiful concept for Rochester Institute of Technology (page 123 of this issue) had to be "sold" to the college trustees by the architects involved; whether the school on page 162 was exactly what the building committee visualized when they commissioned architect Charles Colbert to design it; and whether the small bank on

page 155 of last month's issue was exactly what the owners of the County Federal Savings & Loan of Westport, Connecticut (incorporated 1767) had in mind when architect Lew Davis walked in to make his presentation. What the architects brought to the client in each of these cases was a strong, efficient, functional, and handsome solution to the client's problem—and the clients in each case accepted it because the architect was able to convince them—and work within their budget.

The process of persuading clients is worth some thought. Kevin Rochewho seems to contribute more than his share of first-rate architecture ("pure fantasy"?) to the world-argues his design concepts with a step-by-step, detail-bydetail, problem - solved - by - problem solved logic. He is not, I have observed, above using two slide projectors arranged to create overlapping images that extend his "ideas" a step at a time to the finished preliminary design, without blackouts between slides that invite interruption of his presentation. I've seen him make a presentation, and while intellectually I've known there must be alternate solutions, I'm darned if I could think of them.

Of course, most of the architects who "sell" (if you'll pardon that expression one more time) innovative design to their clients are able to do so not just because of their skill at committee meetings, but because of their skill at the drawing board. The buildings we publish are not "pure fantasy"—they are real jobs done by real architects for real clients who, in varying degrees, are difficult to work with, have little money, and are ignorant of good design. Getting them built is not pure fantasy, it's just plain hard (and very skillful) work.

—Walter F. Wagner, Jr.

PERSPECTIVES



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## The headquarters building: a professional attitude

I continue to be impressed by the attitude of the A.I.A. board in handling the continuing, difficult, and embarrassing problem of the headquarters building design. As noted in last month's Record Reports, A.I.A. President Kassabaum, in commenting on the resignation of Mitchell/Guirgola Associates, added that: "... we feel that the principle of design review boards is the best known means in maintaining order in the face of all of the pressures leading to chaos. We continue to support the principle of approval by design review boards, such as the Fine Arts Commission, even though sometimes their decisions lead to differences in professional judgment." It is easy to imagine some of the comments made at the board meeting which issued that statement, but what was issued is sensible and statesmanlike. This is a situation that could have generated-in its hotter moments-public statements that would later have been regretted. Instead, great dignity and restraint-a professional attitude-have been shown every step of the way.

#### Environmental awareness: a good beginning

"The need for increasing visual awareness of the physical environment and of the factors that make it—for good or bad —what it is, has been long recognized by A.I.A. members." So begins the report of the A.I.A.'s Task Force on Elementary and Secondary Education, which not only recognized the problem of visual awareness but has now done something pretty effective about it.

What it has done for openers is develop a guidebook intended as "a temporary guide in response to many requests for help by chapters that want to initiate discussions with local school districts and state departments . . . to eventually develop a curriculum for public schools." The guidebook lists the projects that have already been developed and tried by various chapters, suggests "occasional programs" and available slide films, discusses several programs for the training of teachers, and lists programs by other organizations (the National Park Service, for one). It includes a "suggested procedure for chapter action"; and lists books recommended by the task force.

In his introduction to the report, Arthur Rigolo, F.A.I.A., notes that: "It takes three participants to make good architecture. These are the owner, the architect, and the builder. . . . Public officials, public boards, corporation boards, managers, entrepreneurs and ordinary voters of budgets and bond issues, and every man who builds a house, a store, an office or a factory building are decisionmakers in the quality of architecture and, except by accident or coincidence, generally are unprepared to perform this function."

Besides Rigolo, members of the task force are Edwin B. Cromwell, F.A.I.A., and Elisabeth K. Thompson, F.A.I.A., RECORD senior editor. If I may be forgiven a personal note, we have some idea around this office, through Betty's involvement, just how long and hard this task force has worked, and how high its hopes are for continuing effort in training young people to know good architecture. The need for architect involvement—as chapters or as individuals—in making this program go is immense. Increasing environmental awareness by all of the public could eliminate much of the problem described overleaf in this month's editorial. But most important, it could make this country a more pleasant place to live.

#### P.S. to the report on awareness

There's a quote from Arthur Rigolo's introduction that's worth writing down for future use at presentations and cocktail parties alike: "Satisfactory environment is not just a matter of esthetics thought to be important by finicky people. The design of an architectural space and the amenities of the visual environment comprising a neighborhood, a highway or a city, create an atmosphere which has a critical influence upon the activity which takes place within it and upon the people who dwell there. One of the products of a good visual environment is human dignity and pride. The chaos of ugliness can breed only resentment and despair."

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#### For 1969: nine per cent gain; new action committee on cities

The good news of the 30th Annual Building Products Executive Conference, sponsored by McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company, was chief economist George Christie's analysis that "With the economy under the deliberate restraint of extra taxation, construction is strengthening," and that "If balance is restored to the economy, and the restraints are lifted, all types of construction can be expected to advance vigorously in the second half of 1969." Christie's forecast, published in full beginning on page 81 of this issue, predicts a nine per cent increase in total construction and a 10 per cent increase in total building construction, including a 13 per cent increase in residential building and a strengthening of all nonresidential building types.

In his evocative speech, Wallace F. Traendly, president of McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company and conference host, proposed the formation of "a centralized body that can function as the construction industry's action commission to help solve the urban crisis." Traendly suggested 10 areas in which the commission could make "significant contributions," including examination of Federal policies for financing low-income houses, examination of codes and zoning regulations, review of tax-money allocations back to the cities, stimulation of construction-system research and performance testing, creation of job programs for the disadvantaged, coordination with government bodies, encouragement of ghetto-based construction businesses, and better information flow within the industry.

Traendly invited the attendees—all executives within the construction industry—to express their interest in the proposed commission. Response so far has been "encouraging," and Traendly has since been invited to present his proposal before the newly-formed Construction Affairs Committee of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

#### Architects and space scientists find they need each other

Alabama architects and scientists from the Marshall Space Flight Center of the

National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Huntsville, Alabama last month began a dialogue which could have far-reaching architectural consequences.

It led the man responsible for the development of NASA's manned space stations, Dr. Georg von Tiesenhausen, Chief of the Orbital Mission Group in the Space Center's Advanced Systems Office, from a view at the beginning of the discussions that architects were essentially and perhaps wholly concerned with esthetics while "we must now be 100% functional" to a quite different concept expressed in his response to the final question in the closing discussion: What could NASA and architects learn from each other?

NASA, said Dr. von Tiesenhausen, could learn how better to utilize available space in the design of its space stations and how to make them "not just functional" by integrating functional requirements with esthetic objectives. And architects could learn to work with new materials and new ways of joining materials which could lead to new kinds of structures.

The occasion was the fourth annual convention of the Alabama Council of the American Institute of Architects, held October 10-12 at the Carriage Inn Motor Hotel in Huntsville, with A. Jackson Davis of the Huntsville firm of Dickson, Davis and Associates, president of the Alabama Council, as program chairman.

The other speaker from the Space Center, Project Engineer Rondal Crawford, gave an analysis of "Planetary Environment" that caused at least one architect present to remark that it made him feel inadequately equipped with information about conditions on the sites of his earthly buildings.

John Desmond, F.A.I.A., of Hammond, Louisiana, Professor Imre Halasz of the Harvard Graduate School of Design, and Robert Durham, F.A.I.A., of Portland, Oregon, immediate past president of the Institute, were the other major speakers. A panel consisting of the speakers and Dean J. Ingraham Clark of the Auburn School of Architecture and A.I.A. Regional Director Arch Winter of Mobile, Alabama, led the very lively discussions with the audience. Moderator was Jeanne Davern, managing editor of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD.



#### Moshe Safdie and students design a Student Union

A Student Union for the students, by the students, and with the architect of their choice seems as though it would be one excellent way to approach the current problem of a larger student voice in the management of their own affairs. And apparently this means, which was used by San Francisco State College to acquire the Moshe Safdie concept shown above for their own Student Union, could work.

The choosing of the architect was actually done by the College Union Council, which was comprised of eight students, three faculty, and five administrators. The concept of the Council was to "create an environment that would be directly responsive to the students' needs and desires." Realizing that to be most effective a defined expression of "needs and desires," and just the right architect, had to be found, the Council established parameters to work within by testing student opinion. Once the parameters were established the Council began interviewing architects, and ultimately retained the architect of Habitat, Moshe Safdie, age 29.

University trustees have so far withheld design approval of Safdie's design for the student-financed project, which consists of a system of interlocking and varying-sized hexagonal modules, whose sloping surfaces consist mostly of glass and vegetation. Irregular module arrangement will create much visual excitement. Burger & Coplans are Safdie's associates.

#### Schools for New York City —at no cost to taxpayers

The New York City Educational Construction Fund, a new state authority, will build five schools in New York City at no cost to the taxpayers.

It was explained that the fund will issue its own bonds to meet the cost of acquiring the sites and building the

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schools. The air-rights above the schools will be leased to private developers for construction of apartment houses.

One of the educational-residential combinations will be a 35-story apartment tower constructed above a fourstory school. Though sharing the foundation and mechanical systems, each of the two functions will have a separate entrance and identity. Feldman-Misthopoulos will be the architects and Brown Guenther Battaglia associate architects.

When each project is completed, the Fund will lease the school for one dollar a year to the Board of Education to operate. The apartment tower will be operated by the developer.

The Fund's income from the apartment tower will consist of the rental for the air-rights and a payment from the developer equivalent to the normal real estate tax. This income will go to pay off the debt service on the bonds. The entire structure will be exempt from real estate taxes during the life of the school debt, approximately 40 years. After this debt has been retired, title to the school will be conveyed to the city, and the owner of the apartment tower will pay real estate taxes to the city.

## Campaign Culture finds some budding architects

Last summer, Pratt Institute's School of Architecture conducted a program, under the guidance of Edward Schiffer and Myron Goldfinger, called "Campaign Culture," in which an attempt was made to interest high school juniors and seniors from deprived areas in architecture. The students, paid by the Federal Government while attending the program, were exposed to elementary concepts of architecture, basic drafting and design skills, and techniques of improving their neighborhoods through architecture. Augmenting this classroom work were field trips to museums, Bedford-Stuyvesant, and a visit—which included a party—at the ARCHITECTURAL RECORD offices.

At the end of the program a "design competition" was held which resulted in the construction pictured below left.

An ultimate goal of the program the identification of potential architects —was successful. But beyond identification, Myron Goldfinger feels that an interest must be sustained in these students. He proposes a follow-up of ten field trips throughout the year to expose these promising students to a wider architectural environment. Mr. Goldfinger calculates that \$1000 will be enough money to accomplish this goal. As yet, a source for the funds has not been found.



#### Louis Kahn designs a Memorial to Six Million Jews

Designed by Louis Kahn for a site in New York's Battery Park, the monument offers a physical embodiment of hope as well as despair. Commissioned by the Committee to Commemorate the Six Million Jewish Martyrs, it consists of a granite pedestal on which are placed seven glass piers, so that, in the architect's words, "the sun can come through and leave a shadow filled with light."

The six piers around the center, all of equal dimensions, are blank. "The center one—the chapel—speaks: the other six are silent." The walls of this chapel will be inscribed.

The cubes stand on a granite base 66 feet square, and high enough so that people may sit on its edge. Each glass pier is 10 feet square and 11 feet high.

#### **News Briefs**

November 1: An international competition for the future Headquarters of International Organizations and an International Conference Center in Vienna, Austria, began today. Those wishing to participate should address inquiries (accompanied by proof of membership in a professional organization of architects and a reimbursable deposit of \$100) to: Ziviltechnikerteam/ Internationaler Organisationen und Konferenzzentrum/ Appel; Fleischer, Lintl, Schwanzer/ Marc Aurelstrasse 2a-30/ A-1010 Wien, Austria.

Another competition, the \$6000 Brunner Scholarship for advanced study, is now open to all U.S. architects. Applications and details are available from the New York Chapter, A.I.A., 20 West 40th Street, New York City, and will be received until January 15, 1969.

Two new positions at A.I.A. National Headquarters have been filled. James M. Fenelon was appointed Assistant Executive Director, and Jackson T. Right became Director of Housing. Also at the A.I.A., three new 16 mm. movies featuring the impact of highway construction, large housing developments, and graphics on metropolitan areas were produced. The color films, each running about 14 minutes, may be borrowed from Headquarters by local chapters.

Appointed to the New York State Council on Architecture by Governor Rockefeller were: George Dudley (chairman), Burnham Kelly (vice chairman), George Nelson, G. E. Kidder Smith, and William J. Strawbridge.

The Joint Committee on Employment Practices plans a seminar in St. Louis, Missouri, on December 6. Titled "Alternatives to Unionization—An Examination of Modern Employment Practices", it will deal with acquiring and retaining firm personnel.

The Architecture and Gardens Tour of Japan and Hong Kong will make two trips in 1969—in April and October. Contact K. Nishimoto, Pasadena, California.

N.C.A.R.B is now making a thorough analysis of examination effectiveness. Under the guidance of the Educational Testing Service questionnaires requesting data to be used by E.T.S. are being sent to architects. Those who receive the questionnaires can help in this effort by promptly and carefully responding.

#### Obituary

Eugene J. Mackey, F.A.I.A., a partner in the St. Louis architectural firm of Murphy and Mackey, died July 27 in St. Louis at the age of 56.

Mr. Mackey's firm, which won the 1961 Reynolds Award for its design of the Clinmatron in St. Louis, has been the designer of many schools, college buildings, hospitals and churches. Among their more notable buildings of the last few years were the Ober Library at Washington University and the Medical School Facilities and Queeny Tower at the Barnes Hospital, all in St. Louis.

Mr. Mackey was a former professor of architecture at Washington University and a past president of the St. Louis Chapter, A.I.A. In a speech he was preparing at the time of his death, he expressed his continuing concern for the effects of architecture on people: "I am optimistic that the context of our environment can and will be improved, if we do the best we can in our own special competence, listen and learn from others, and, above all, connect up with the people with whom we are planning."

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The Everson Museum, Syracuse, New York, has four main galleries cantilevered out over a plaza area and flanked by an administrative-members area on one side and an auditorium on the other. A circular stair dominates the two-story-high central sculpture court. I. M. Pei & Partners are the architects, and Pederson, Hueber, Hares & Glavin, associate architects.



New York's Metropolitan Museum will have a new facade designed by Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo and Associates. The changes include removing the main entrance vestibule, changing the main steps into a broad tiered stairway flanked by two great fountains, and replacing the automobile drive with auto/ pedestrian entrances. Estimated cost of the 1200-foot Fifth Avenue front is \$1.6 million.

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Sacred Heart Church, Vernon, Connecticut, has a series of dart-shaped, prestressed concrete tee sections inclining from a bushhammered concrete foundation to a trapezoidal compression beam 85 feet above the ground. The webs of the tees will give the interior a radial pattern from the 30-foot by 40-foot roof-light. Peter McLaughlin is the architect. Estimated cost: \$375 thousand.





Two of the 27 award winners in the 1968 HUD Awards for Design Excellence are the Clarke Tower Men's Dormitory, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland (left), designed by Fred S. Toguchi Associates, and College Town, Phase I, Sacramento State College, California, designed by Neill Smith, A.I.A. and Associates with Dreyfuss and Blackford, A.I.A. as supervision architects. Criteria included the relationship and service of the designs to the immediate and community environments and "the extent to which they recognize and include human values in the city's physical structure."



**Riverside Park Community,** sponsored by the Negro Labor Committee, will cover a tenblock area in New York City's Harlem. The huge complex will include seven apartment buildings, ranging from eight to 54 stories on a platform above an industrial area, and commercial, recreation and education facilities. There will be office space, a shopping center, restaurants and research facilities. Along the riverfront on the raised apartment level will be an amphitheater, a marina and boatel, a promenade with fountains and cafes, and a large ballroom. Architects are Richard Dattner and Henri LeGendre.





The National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, Piscataway Township, New Jersey, is a bold concrete triumphal arch. (Says Pierre Zoelly, one of the associated architects, "Just as the Romans celebrated their successful generals, we celebrate our football heroes.") A three-level foyer will contain a ticket counter, souvenir shop, cafeteria and offices. Above that will be two movie chambers, a two-story library, and balconies containing exhibits. Associated architects: Pierre Zoelly and Haines Lundberg & Waehler. The Civic Auditorium, Madison, Wisconsin, the first increment of the Monona Basin Project designed by Frank Lloyd Wright to connect the waterfront with the center of town (RECORD, May, 1958), now scheduled for bids in February, 1969. Collaborating with Taliesin Associated Architects in the preparation of construction documents are: Yosh Nakazawa & Associates (architectural working drawings and specifications, and coordination of contract documents and cost estimates); Wilson, Andros, Roberts & Noll (structural engineering); and E. R. Ronald & Associates, associated with Olsen & Associates (mechanical and electrical engineering). Cost is estimated in excess of \$5 million.



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### MEXICO'S OLYMPIC ACHIEVEMENT WAS ALSO ARCHITECTURAL

Mexico's architects are to be praised for having taken the largest possible view of their monumental task of planning for the Olympic Games that were held last month in Mexico City. The architects judiciously provided all the required facilities for athletic and cultural events by reshaping existing facilities in accord with Olympic Game standards and by adding new works wherever required. (A small budget allowed only 20 per cent of all facilities to be new structures.)

The Mexican Olympic Committeeheaded by architect Pedro Ramirez Vasquez-capitalized on the tight program by conceiving the entire Mexico City, where hundreds of events took place, as a great champs des fetes. Because existing facilities were widely scattered throughout this sprawling city (15 miles north to south, 13 miles east to west) of 7,015,000 inhabitants, this concept meant systematizing circulation routes and traffic to assure 100,000 guests (including 10,000 athletes and their entourages) that each one would be able to meet his own precise schedule of events wherever and whenever they should take place. The architects invented an ingenious system of color coded maps and streets and dozens of graphic symbols to guide visitors through the city's 1,750 miles of streets. The graphics will remain part of the city's road system and, they believe, will point the way for improving traffic conditions, as well as the general character of graphic work, throughout Mexico.

The Olympic Committee realized that decentralized facilities for the events

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meant that visitors would receive maximum exposure to Mexico City and its people. Unlike the usual situation where international events-games and fairsare held in one gigantic setting, in Mexico City visitors joined the "life" of the city's inhabitants for the brief few weeks; the exposure was not only culturally enlightening, but from my experience, joyous as well. It was Ramirez Vasquez' ambition to make this year's Olympic meeting have cultural as well as athletic import-as it had been in Greece in the first Olympiads. The dispersion of visitors throughout the city fostered cultural confrontation on an unofficial but meaningful level. (Official cultural programs were offered by all nations during the games and for one year since 1967.)

Facilities were executed by teams of architects from the Department of Public Works and by those chosen through national competitions. All work was under the direction of the Minister of Public Works and a capable staff. Each design fulfills certain aims and deserves to be examined. Three projects of particular note are the Olympic Swimming Pool and Volleyball Gymnasium, the Sports Palace, and the Aztec Stadium. These accommodate 10,571, 5,098, 22,000, and 106,213 spectators respectively. To sports-minded Mexicans these represent meaningful, permanent additions to community facilities and will be reminders to all inhabitants, and particularly to hopeful young athletes, of the spirit of the Olympic Games.—Raymond Lifchez

THREE INSTALLATIONS OF THE XIX OLYMPIAD, Mexico City, Mexico. Clients: Ministry of Public Works of Mexico and the International Olympic Games Committee. SWIMMING POOL AND GYMNASIUM—architects: E. Gutierrez Bringas, A. Recamier Montes, M. Rosen Morrison, X. Valverde Gerces. SPORTS PALACE—architects: Felix Candela, Enrique Castaneda Tamborrel, Antonio Peyre. AZTEC STADIUM—architects: Pedro Ramirez Vasquez, Rafael Mijares.



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#### NOVEMBER

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**20-22** Aluminum Association annual meeting—New York Hilton, New York.

**29-30** Joint South Dakota Chapter and Building Chapter, Associated General Contractors of South Dakota conference —Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

#### OFFICE NOTES

#### OFFICES OPENED

**Donald Kenneth Busch, A.I.A.** has opened offices for the practice of architecture and space planning at 150 Broadway, New York City.

Eckbo, Dean, Austin & Williams has opened a Honolulu office at 1649 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 22.

Martin J. Goldman, P.E. has opened consulting engineering offices at 101 Park Avenue, New York City.

**Peter Hendrickson, Architect,** has opened an office at 261 North Main Street, Southampton, New York.

**Frederick P. Humberstone, A.I.A.,** has opened an architectural office at 5580 Park Boulevard, Pinellas Park, Florida.

**Robert A. Little & Associates** has opened an office for the practice of architecture and urban design at 12025 Shaker Boulevard, Cleveland.

Naramore, Bain, Brady, and Johanson, Seattle-based architectural firm, has recently opened a Honolulu office.

**Donald D. Snow, Architect,** has opened a new office at 243 East Home Street, Long Beach, California.

James G. Thompson, A.I.A. recently opened an office for the practice of architecture, located at 500 Times Annex Building, 63 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

#### NEW FIRMS, FIRM CHANGES

Kurt M. Anderson, A.I.A. has been made a partner of the Princeton, New Jersey, architectural and engineering firm of Collins, Uhl & Hoisington.

Alvaro Cardenas and Francisco Baracaldo have announced the formation of their architectural partnership. The firm, known as Arquitectos Consultores Asociados Ltda., is located in Bogota, Columbia.

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For the first quarter, "a small advance," by spring, "the stimulative effects of easy money will begin to be felt" and at mid-1969, "the economy is slated to get a powerful boost ... and construction can be expected to advance vigorously."

#### F. W. Dodge construction outlook: 9 per cent more in 1969

Prepared by the Economics Department McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company (formerly F. W. Dodge Company) George A. Christie, Chief Economist

#### Highlights of 1968

Even before 1968 began, the construction industry had recovered from the "credit crunch," the main source of its problems during the two previous years. A strong flow of contracts for new projects in the closing months of 1967 boosted the total of construction in progress above the \$80-billion rate at the start of the current year, and a continued high level of contracting kept it there. It was clear early in 1968 that the year's final totals would exceed the suppressed values of 1966 and 1967 by a wide margin.

This improvement in construction activity during the past year triggered a strong increase in the demand for building materials. As contracts were translated into on-site construction, shipments of building products rose by more than 15 per cent between summer 1967 and spring 1968.

At mid-year, the construction market began to reach its full potential for the first time in several years. The combined strength of current and postponed needs for housing, commercial buildings, and other facilities sent the Dodge Index soaring into the 190's in the third quarter of 1968. (Last year's average was 153.) Even if the rate of contracting eases back from this extraordinary pace before yearend—as it probably will—it's nevertheless clear that the character of the construction market has changed.

Several important events took place in 1968 that are breaking the grip of old constraints on construction growth. Passage of the long-overdue surtax and budget cut program was a giant step toward a better balance of monetary and fiscal policies that will lead to easier credit in 1969. Other 1968 legislation will shape the future of two major segments of the construction industry—housing and transportation.

These events, like all important changes, are bound to bring short-term problems as well as longer-term benefits. Their impact on 1969's construction outlook is discussed in the pages that follow.

#### Economic environment/1968-69

The year 1968 has been a curious blend of the past and the future. The months up to June 30 were like an extension of 1967; the period that began with July 1 was, in a way, the start of 1969. What divided these parts at mid-year was a distinct change in the policies by which our economy is guided.

For some two-and-a-half years we were trying to operate a war-inflated economy on a business-as-usual basis. It didn't work. The ever-increasing strain showed up first as a crisis in the credit

 markets and then as a runaway of prices in general. By the beginning of 1968, it was all too clear that reliance on the tight money policies of the previous two years had failed to contain the pressures of excessive demand. When the switch finally was made at mid-year to more general fiscal restraint, prices were rising at an annual rate of five per cent.

The new economic program that began on July 1 is, in no uncertain terms, a deliberate attempt to slow down the price spiral by the direct expedient of eliminating some large blocks of spending power. The surtax will take \$15 billion out of private (consumer and business) income. The fiscal 1969 budget cuts that were linked to the tax program will eliminate another \$6 billion or more of planned public spending. This removal of over \$20 billion of demand over the next twelve months is designed to cause a general dampening of economic activity.

It's not hard to see what direction the economy will be taking under these new anti-inflationary measures. Much less predictable is their timing and the *degree* of restraint they will cause. Most likely, the sequence will go something like this:

The heaviest impact on economic activity is apt to be felt toward the close of 1968 and during the early months of 1969. Even though the tax surcharge cut immediately into incomes, momentum carried the spending boom well into 1968's third quarter. At this stage, re-

#### CONSTRUCTION OUTLOOK 1969

straint was mostly in *anticipation* of future weakening of demand, showing up in the form of inventory adjustments and stretched-out capital spending. Even so, it was enough to reduce the gain of the Gross National Product from \$20 billion in the first and second quarters to about \$18 billion in the third. By the fourth quarter, when the slowdown really takes hold, GNP growth will ease back to something between \$5 and \$10 billion. The opening quarter of 1969 will show a similarly small advance.

By spring of 1969, however, the stimulative effects of easier money will begin to be felt. Once the restraints of taxation and government spending cuts begin to steady the price level, we can expect a solid improvement in credit markets. In 1969, monetary policy will be used *positively* as a means of keeping the slowdown from snowballing—just the reverse of its recent role.

At mid-1969, the economy is slated to get a powerful boost. If the tax surcharge is permitted to expire according to plan, consumers and business firms will suddenly find themselves richer by well over \$10 billion. Also, at that time the Federal government will be entering a new fiscal year, and Congress is likely to be more generous with the 1970 budget requests.

Vietnam is the one big question mark that hangs over 1969. Despite the explicit wording of the *Revenue and Expenditure* Control Act of 1968, it is highly unlikely that the surtax will be permitted to expire next June 30 unless the war is concluded beforehand. How and when these issues are worked out will greatly influence the economy in the second half of next year.

If everything goes according to plan, however, 1969's pattern of economic activity will turn out somewhat the reverse of 1968's—a restrained first half; a vigorously expanding second half. But that's where the similarity ends. By the latter part of 1969 we'll be noticing these important differences:

• With inflation under better control, more of next year's growth will be realized in goods and services instead of price increases.

• With balance restored between fiscal and monetary policies, the credit-starved housing market will be getting a lot more nourishment.

• With less of our resources being siphoned off for military purposes, there'll be more available to meet our urgent domestic needs.

An analysis of how next year's economic environment will affect each of the major construction markets is given in the following columns.

#### 1969 business construction demand

In the closing months of 1968, the trends of two key business construction markets were headed in opposite directions. While commercial building contracts were piling up a large lead over last year's total, industrial building was lagging slightly behind.

As a result of their big buildup during the middle sixties, most manufacturers still are holding a good bit more unused capacity than they normally like to keep in reserve. Compared with a desired operating rate of about 92 per cent, the average firm was utilizing only 84 per cent of capacity in the third quarter of 1968.

The likelihood is pretty slim that the rate of industrial production will soon advance by the 10 per cent or more needed to take up current slack. With economic activity being held in check between now and next summer, industry will do well to significantly increase its rate of output at all. Thus, with only modest gains in physical output expected through the first half of 1969, and with the surtax cutting into the profitability of that output, there's little incentive to add to already excessive productive capacity.

There is, however, good reason for industry to upgrade its existing facilities now. Firms normally allocate half or more of their investment outlays to replacement and modernization. Faced with today's sharply rising costs, manufacturers will look to means of boosting productivity by replacing technologically outmoded equipment and plants.

Outside the manufacturing sector, business construction was clearly responding to a need for additional capacity in 1968. The electrical utilities have been engaged in a huge expansion program for the past three years, and 1968's growth was by far the biggest yet. Commercial building was another expansive force in the 1968 business construction market.

After a decline in 1967, store building recovered its former peak level in the past year. Office building showed an even more promising trend, extending the strong wave of expansion that has been underway since the start of 1967. Together, the recovery of store building and the further growth of office construction combined to produce a 14 per cent gain in the contract value of 1968 commercial building construction.

The slow, then faster, pattern of general business activity expected for 1969 implies that most business-related construction markets are headed for a sluggish first half. Nevertheless, early reports of plans for business capital outlays indicate an increase next year of five per cent or more. In order for this to happen, demand for new business facilities will have to pick up sharply around mid-1969 in anticipation of solid gains in output and sales during the two closing quarters.

Within that general framework, business-related construction markets can be expected to behave as follows:

Manufacturing buildings: The opening quarter of next year will bring a further decline in the rate of industrial plant contracting, but the direction should be reversed before midyear. Total industrial building contract value will be up only about three per cent in 1969. The improvement between the first and fourth quarter rates of contracting will be something in excess of 10 per cent, however. Commercial buildings: There is a great deal of underlying strength in the commercial building market, but next year may bring a brief hesitation in 1968's strong upsurge. Store building is vulnerable to a temporary slowdown of consumer spending in the early part of 1969; but strong housing growth will support the development and expansion of shopping centers. Office space continues to be in great demand, and 1969 probably will bring another gain in building. A tapering-off from the 15 per cent-a-year pace of the last two years is in order, however. Utilities construction: Least susceptible to short-term swings in business activity, utilities expansion plans cover long periods of time. The addition of individually large facilities tends to be erratic, however. Next year's total will be high by recent standards, but it is likely to fall short of 1968's unusually large amount, which was swelled by several contracts for huge installations to be built over the next several years.

#### 1969 family housing demand

Events in 1968 added further proof—as if any more was needed—that the current housing market can be as good or as bad as the supply of mortgage money permits.

At the outset of 1968, conditions were right for a big year of home building. The strong flow of savings into mortgage-lending institutions during the latter part of 1967 had already brought the rate of housing starts back up to the 1.5million-unit level. With any sustained support from the credit markets, housing output could have held to, or exceeded that volume for 1968.

By spring however, the dual problems of inflation at home and continued deficits abroad forced a return to credit restraint. Savings flows dwindled, mortgage rates rose to a new high, and housing starts slipped back to the 1.3 million rate as a result.

Since mid-year, the pendulum has begun to swing back in the direction of credit ease. This time it should be on a more lasting basis since we no longer have to rely solely on monetary policy to contain inflationary pressures now that the surtax is in effect.

So far, however, it's been taking longer than anyone expected for the tax and budget restraints to do their job. And with the Federal Reserve threatening (in September) to reimpose credit curbs temporarily unless the rising price level yields soon, it could be several months before any real monetary ease is felt in the mortgage markets. Even so, the mere prospect of an end to tight money policy helped bring housing activity back to the 1.5-million-unit rate in the third quarter.

For 1968 as a whole, total housing starts will exceed 1,475,000—still short of what might have been, but a decided improvement over the depressed totals of 1.2 and 1.3 million of the past two years. **1969 "should be the year:"** If credit is really all that is holding back a housing boom, then 1969 should finally be the year. Demand—as indicated by the low vacancy rate for rental housing, the small inventory of unsold homes, and the intensity of the search for solutions to urban housing problems—is stronger than ever.

Next year's opening rate of 1.5-million housing units will be boosted to the 1.6-million mark by mid-year as more favorable mortgage rates draw some postponed demand out of hiding.

Then late in the summer of next year, the housing market will begin to feel a secondary thrust as public housing programs take on a more important role. The brand-new Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 authorizes more than \$5 billion over the next three years in support of a massive and multi-faceted program of housing for low-income families.

Unlike direct public housing, this plan—which features interest subsidies to open the way to home ownership for poor families, and rent supplements for low-income apartment dwellers—has the potential for stimulating a lot of new housing with a minimum of immediate Congressional appropriations. It does, of course, rely heavily on private lenders to finance the construction, and requires that HUD enter into a long-term commitment to amortize it.

Right now, however, the problem is that even a little bit of backing for this program is hard to find. There's no real support in the fiscal 1969 budget, although there is a good chance that the HUD Act will be better funded in fiscal 1970. It could add as much as 150,000 or 200,000 units to total housing output during the second half of next year.

Not all of the emphasis of these newer programs is on conventionallybuilt housing. Some of the HUD Act funds, for example, will go for rehabilitation of existing units, and some will go to finance mobile and other types of manufactured housing units. Nevertheless, with the added thrust of publicly-aided housing, next year's final quarter rate of *conventional* housing starts could reach as high as 1.8 million. For 1969 as a whole, housing starts will number 1,650,-000. The distribution of single and multifamily units will move only slightly away from 1968's proportion of  $\frac{2}{3}$ : $\frac{1}{3}$  in favor of owner-occupied, single-family homes.

In addition, sales of about 325,000 mobile homes will fill out next year's total

#### Estimates/1969

Construction contract value (millions of dollars)

	1968	1	Sty Steel
nonresidential	1968 pre-	1969	per cent
buildings	liminary*	forecast	change
Commercial	\$ 6,950	\$ 7,250	+ 4%
Manufacturing	3,575	3,700	+ 3
Educational	5,200	5,425	+ 4
Hospital/health	2,050		+ 9
		2,225	+33
Public	975	1,300	+33 + 6
Religious	800	850	Τ 6
Recreational	925	925	+ 7
Miscellaneous	700	750	+ /
TOTAL	\$21,175	\$22,425	+ 6%
residential			
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family	\$16,800	\$19,350	+15%
Apartments	6,075	6,700	+10
Nonhousekeepir	ng 1,425	1,475	+ 4
TOTAL	\$24,300	\$27,525	+13%
TOTAL			
BUILDINGS	\$45,475	\$49,950	+10%
nonbuilding			
construction			
Streets, highway			
& bridges	\$ 6,600	\$ 7,250	+10%
Utilities	3,100	2,750	-11
Sewer/water sup		2,500	+ 9
Other nonbuildi		2,550	+ 5
TOTAL	\$14,425	\$15,050	+ 4%
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Construction	\$59,900	\$65,000	+ 9%
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(1957-59=100)			
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Manufacturing		285	
Educational	235	235	10
Hospital/health	67	71	+ 6
Public	33	38	+15
Religious	39	39	-
Recreational	45	44	- 2
Miscellaneous	42	44	+ 5
TOTAL	1,198	1,220	+ 2%
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family	1,272	1,427	+12%
Apartments	485	528	+ 9
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shelter demand of close to two million units of family housing.

**1969 institutional construction demand** During 1968, the value of contracts for the construction of institutional buildings —schools, hospitals, churches, etc. barely matched the record level achieved in 1967. This lack of growth can be traced largely to a sharp decline in educational building during the early part of 1968. Though school building improved later in the year, the earlier loss was never quite recovered. In contrast, hospital building made another solid gain in 1968.

With credit market conditions easing, the path for further growth of institutional building should be smoother. A look at the trends of educational and hospital/health building shows other factors that will affect the outlook.

Educational building: The fairly constant level of new educational construction during the past three years conceals a pattern of strong gains in college and university building balanced by a softening elementary school building market. Enrollment trends suggest that the declines in elementary school building will become dominant in the very near future.

In 1969, a modest gain in total educational building contracts can be anticipated as easier credit conditions revive demands that were postponed during the 1966-68 period.

Hospital and health facilities: Despite a poor start, 1968 contracting for medical buildings recovered sufficiently by summer to put the year's total ahead by nine per cent. Supported by easier credit and an underlying demand for more adequate health facilities, the growth in outlays for hospital construction in 1969 should at least match this year's gain.

#### 1969 community construction demand

Very few of the many types of publiclyaided construction will escape the effects of Congress' order to eliminate \$6 billion or more from the originally proposed Federal budget for 1969. But now that the areas of cutting have been pretty well settled, it turns out that the reductions in construction programs haven't been as severe as it first seemed they would be.

More than half the cut was taken from military appropriations, while another billion or so was eased out of the budget by accounting "gimmicks" involving various Federal loan programs. That left only a couple of billion to be squeezed from the civilian agency budgets, and most of that came from construction funds.

Social urgency has been the key to budget priorities in 1969. By that standard, the heaviest cuts were made in the "pork barrel" projects—postponable

#### CONSTRUCTION OUTLOOK 1969

construction like dams and river-harbor development. Construction appropriations for the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation for fiscal 1969 are at their lowest since 1962 and 1948, respectively. By contrast, the Water Pollution Control Administration's work is considered urgent and has been given the support it requested.

Somewhere between these extremes of urgency is the nation's highway program. Highway construction depends heavily on Federal support, but since these funds are allocated from the specially-earmarked Highway Trust Fund (instead of the general budget) a restriction on the spending becomes a *postponement* rather than a permanent loss. Back in 1966 more than a billion dollars of the Fund was "frozen", only to be released early in the following year. This time the holdout on highway construction is relatively light—only about \$200 million will be frozen in 1969.

Although the budget squeeze will limit *Federal* backing of many public construction programs for a while, there's the possibility of some offsetting expansion of state and municipal support. Next year's easier credit conditions should stimulate a higher volume of bond issues to provide funds for local construction.

The effects of these factors on contracting for the major types of public facilities construction are as follows:

**Highways:** The initial impact of freezing \$200 million of Trust Fund support is most likely to be felt as an interruption in the upward trend of contracting during the final quarter of 1968. The drop-off in *expenditures* will show up early next year. As the funds are restored later in 1969, highway construction will get a strong boost. Release of the frozen \$200 million, plus a normal half-billion-dollar gain in Trust Fund allocations adds up to a 10 per cent gain in the value of contracts for streets, highways, and related construction next year.

Sewer and water: Heavy support from local government funds, as well as insulation from Federal budget cuts, will keep this category expanding in 1969. With the current emphasis on pollution control, gains in sewer and sewage treatment construction will lead to a total contracting gain of about nine per cent.

**Public buildings:** Though the lid will be on spending for Federal office buildings most of next year, one *non*-Federal project—the Port of New York Authority's huge World Trade Center—will more than fill the void. Contract value for public buildings of all kinds is expected to be one-third higher in 1969.

**Other public facilities:** The rest of the public construction sector reflects a mixture of ups and downs resulting in a net

increase of four per cent in 1969. Declines will take place in most of the Federal public works projects which will bear the brunt of fiscal restraint. These losses will be offset by gains in airport construction and military projects, including the new Sentinel anti-missile system.

With cutback in Federal construction exerting most of its negative effect on contracting late in 1968, little gain is expected for the current year. In 1969, however, contracting for public facilities will be picking up by mid-year and finish 10 per cent ahead of 1968's value.

#### Building costs and physical volume

Labor and materials costs: Hourly wages for contract construction workers averaged six per cent above their year-ago rates during the first half of 1968, and the trend in the industry labor negotiations promises to extend this rate of gain well into 1969. Prices of building materials, which remained virtually unchanged in 1967, shot up at better than a six per cent rate in the early months of this year as inventories were liquidated and increased output used up much of the excess capacity that had developed during the past couple of years. Similar increases are not expected for 1969, but higher costs will continue to push prices up.

**Per foot building costs:** In contrast to sharp increases in wage rates and materials prices, average per square foot costs of all buildings, as measured by contract value, moved up only a little more than one per cent by fall of 1968, compared with the more than five per cent gain registered last year. This seeming contradiction is explained largely by the resurgence of residential building, which is one of the lowest-cost building types. Square footage of one- and two-family houses and apartments increased as a share of total building, from 53 per cent in 1967 to an estimated 60 per cent in 1968.

In addition, the number of large chemical and petroleum plant contracts —industrial types with high value and low square footage—declined in 1968, so that the average cost per square foot of manufacturing buildings fell substantially. Finally, a trend toward lower-cost office buildings has softened the impact of a substantial increase in the number of construction contracts for this normally high-cost building type.

Residential contracting is expected to continue to increase relative to total building in 1969, which will tend to reduce the average cost per square foot. On the other hand, labor and materials costs will be rising at a faster rate, and the "mix" of industrial projects is expected to resume a more typical pattern. The combination of cost factors and the changing mix of construction types should yield a two per cent increase in total 1969 per square foot costs.

#### Summary

The contract value of new construction work is headed for a nine per cent gain in 1969, almost matching 1968's strong 10 per cent advance.

These two welcome gains, coming after a period of below-average performance, add some weight to the oft-heard statement that construction is inherently a counter-cyclical industry. When the economy is booming (so the contention goes), building activity slackens; when general business slows, construction moves ahead faster.

Certainly 1966 was one of the boom years for the economy as a whole. It was also one of the weakest for construction, as the Dodge Index declined 30 points from start to finish. In 1967, as the economy cooled off, construction came back vigorously, but when business surged ahead early in 1968, construction leveled off once more. And now, under the deliberate restraint of extra taxation, construction is strengthening again.

Like most generalizations, this notion of a rigid inverse relationship between construction and general business activity is an oversimplification. It's true that some types of public works construction are frequently timed to offset the business cycle. Yet other types-industrial and commercial building, for example-are usually at their strongest during business upturns. And that other important segment of the construction market -residential building-also would probably expand along with each rising phase of business activity, except that housing never seems to compete effectively against other demands for credit in periods when funds are scarce.

Several of these factors will come into play during 1969. In the early half of the year the surtax will be putting the brakes on business expansion, inhibiting industrial and commercial building temporarily. Federal government budget limitations will also hold down many types of public construction through the first half. As that happens, though, credit will become available for housing in greater quantities and at lower rates, sparking a residential building expansion.

For as long as the economy remains under deliberate restraint, conditions will favor housing and other types of building, which thrive on low-cost credit; these same conditions will work against most types of business and public construction, however. If balance is restored to the economy by midyear and the restraints are lifted, all types of construction can be expected to advance vigorously in the second half of 1969.

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#### HUD'S In-City program develops hard data on systems

Within the last year, industrialized building systems have become the subject of a deluge of studies, seminars and magazine articles. The major impetus to this activity has been a growing interest in systems on the part of government agencies, primarily the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Faced with demands for massive construction programs—especially in housing—these agencies have been actively seeking answers in this area of building technology.

This government involvement is significant, for it was government support that led to the successful and widespread use of these techniques in Europe. If innovation of industrialized systems is about to occur in this country-and there is every indication that it will-the design professionals who will implement these approaches in various projects face a formidable task. Numerous questions must still be answered concerning the probable impact on design and on the role of the architect; the technological problems; public acceptance; resistance by unions, building code restrictions and the costs of construction. Many are only now being explored.

In the meantime, the architect will be confronted with assorted promotional material and articles on each new system as it comes on the market. Many will claim that their system is faster to erect, cheaper to build and more flexible in design than any other system yet revealed. Evaluating conventional construction products may be a headache for the architect, but he has his own experience to guide him. Industrialized building systems, on the other hand, pose some completely new problems. Thus, objective information will become the most important factor when the question of applicability and choice of an industrialized technique on a project first comes up.

#### The In-City project: which systems work best?

Extensive research undertaken in conjunction with a recent major study may be a big first step towards providing this vital data. The study—made by the team of Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall, and the Cambridge, Massachusetts firms of Abt Associates and Ecodesign—was one of three studies in the first phase of the In-City Low Cost Housing Experiment. Conducted by HUD, the In-City project is undoubtedly the most ambitious exploration of the potential application of industrialized building systems in the U.S. to date. Its purpose is to develop experiments in residential construction in 20 different cities using new construction techniques, including new materials and industrialized building systems and components.

In this study, the major areas of responsibility were the research of Model Cities (DMJM); the investigation of social cost benefits in housing (Abt); and the technological research of systems (Ecodesign). The recommendations of each firm were then coordinated to produce several combined technological, social and political-economic experiments and reports.

In a recent talk before members of the American Association of Cost Engineers, Ecodesign principals Richard Gardiner and Professor Laurence Cutler described their research and the approach developed for the selection of systems. They spoke of one of their biggest headaches: "The minute the word got out that we were investigating industrialized building techniques, we were bombarded with samples, sketches, plans, and phone calls from all over the U.S. and Europe."

Actually, this barrage may have helped in the long run. For it alerted them to the huge number of industrialized building systems, components and materials that were either available or being developed. This indicated a need not only for an extensive amount of research but also for a systemized approach, using a computer, to identify, classify, and evaluate each item. Only in this way could an objective selection for the experiment be made.

Time did not permit extensive development of a program for data storage and retrieval. Nonetheless, information on approximately 400 different systems, components and materials was systematically classified and evaluated. Of these, the 90 techniques that rated best according to the selection criteria were reexamined in more detail. This was accomplished by an impartial review board made up of architects, planners, economists, sociologists, etc. This group selected approximately 40 industrialized building techniques, which were then recommended to HUD as most suitable for the experiment.

#### The systems have now been classified

Following completion of the In-City Experiment, Ecodesign began, with the help of Design Systems Inc., to expand and resystemize the data they had gathered into a program known as IBIDS (Information Bank for Industrialized Design Systems). In IBIDS, each industrialized technique is classified under one of six major categories:

Monolithic unit; 2) total system;
 structural system; 4) non-structural component; 5) special construction techniques; 6) other.

Also in this program, a profile has been developed for each industrialized technique that includes a description of its salient features and numerical evaluation under various criteria. This profile has the following format:

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#### The data now classified in IBIDS are a source for all architects

The specific recommendations for the In-City Experiment will certainly be of interest to anyone considering the eventual use of an industrialized building technique in a project. But the real value, it would seem, is contained in the total body of research that preceded these selections: that is, the data now being incorporated in IBIDS. This is primarily because the recommendations for systems use in a project involving other types of housing, building types or geographical areas could very likely be different from those found most suitable for HUD. The large data bank obviates the need for repetitive re-evaluation.

Ecodesign has not been able to include every industrialized technique in the IBIDS file. Many of those not yet evaluated, however, are still in the theoretical stage. They do feel that nearly every major approach to systems building is on file—especially those that have actually been used in both U.S. and European projects to date.

During the HUD project and the subsequent development of IBIDS, Gardiner and Cutler have been able to gain insights into the current state of industrialized building and the prospects for innovation in this country.

They have concluded that the initiation of industrialized building in housing in this country does not require a technological breakthrough. The problem is instead one of adapting existing techniques to U.S. requirements. They feel, therefore, that as a solution to the housing problem, research efforts should be directed toward adaptation and coordination of current methods rather than in a time-consuming search for as yet untried new solutions.

#### The European systems: are they adaptable?

The developers of many European systems have claimed that their approaches are adaptable to housing in this country. But Ecodesign feels that many would not be. This is because a number are based on low criteria that would prove unacceptable under U.S. building codes. Also, many of those classified as structural systems are based on 10- to 12-foot spans (because of transportation difficulties) which would produce a room size too small for widespread acceptance in this country. These systems would then need to be adapted to longer spans. But this is tantamount to changing the entire technique because of the specialized equipment involved.

On the other hand, they feel that panel systems would be adaptable and more acceptable in this country because of the generally higher social cost benefits inherent in these systems. Structural systems have the advantage of being more flexible and are somewhat less expensive. But these advantages are outweighed by problems in handling, poor acoustical and fire-proofing qualities and the additional time necessary for on-site finishing of materials.

In the long run they believe that a solution can be found through the total integration of panels and frames. For example, the use of a structural system at the lower levels would provide more flexibility for parking and commercial use. The upper floors could retain the advantages of a panel system.

They have become critical of the approach to systems building taken by many manufacturers. Very few systems exist, they believe, that will save money and time and provide good environmental conditions. This was the result, they feel, of design being approached from a technical point of view and not from a user's point of view. Fortunately, HUD's goal so far appears to be housing with a higher social cost benefit and not just a cheaper structure.

#### The major savings are in shorter time and reduced finishing

In terms of cost, Ecodesign feels that the major savings in systems building occurs via shorter construction time and reduced finishing requirements. There appears to be a trade-off between the savings gained in the plant—such as efficient handling of materials, inventory control, prefinishing, etc.—and the cost of special equipment and transportation. One novel solution suggested by Cutler to overcome some of the transportation problems is a mobile casting barge for use at coastal cities.

Monolithic units have a special problem in transportation. And among the total systems' approaches, those designed for low-rise housing are the least efficient in terms of cost, and seem unlikely to replace conventional construction methods.

The development of the IBIDS program is continuing, with special attention being given to more detailed cost information, compatibility of different techniques, and expansion of the criteria for users' need. When industrialized techniques begin to gain wide-spread use, this data bank will prove a valuable store of information for architects and owners.



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Four new staff architects have been added by the Seattle-based architectural firm, Fred Bassetti & Company. They are Donald Breiner, James F. Hamilton, Howard Peterson and Karlis Rekevics.

A new corporation to carry out housing, commercial, and institutional developments in Negro communities has been organized in Chicago. The new corporation, **Developers**, **Architectural Research**, **Engineered**, **Inc.** (DARE) has offices at 10 South La Salle Street.

John D. Doran, A.I.A. has been appointed an associate with the New York City firm, William A. Hall, Architecture/ Planning.

Philip H. Fisher, A.I.A. is now vice president of the California architectural firm, Howard R. Lane Associates.

L. Philip Flowers and John A. Thompson are now partners in the St. Louis architectural firm, Froese, Maack and Becker.

James M. Graham, A.I.A. has joined the firm of Chapman & Miller, Architects as senior associate. The firm is located in Washington, D.C.

Jack M. Graves, A.I.A., formerly a partner of Graves, Lampkin, Walker, Inc., has established a new architectural, engineering and planning firm located at 703 Hightower Building, Oklahoma City.

The Ballinger Company, Philadelphia architects and engineers, recently announced the appointment of **Robert** W. Hill, A.I.A. as an associate member.

The architectural firm of Harbeson, Hough, Livingston and Larson has announced the following new associates: F. Daniel Cathers, Paul E. Doering, Barry N. Eiswerth, Alan N. Hartell, Herbert W. Kramer, Steven Lichtenstein, Fritz Neubauer, Paul V. Riale and Domenic A. Tedeschi.

Richard W. Hoagland has become an associate with the New Jersey architectural firm of Ludlow, Jefferson, Tuzik & Associates.

Four members of the Dallas firm of Jarvis, Putty, Jarvis, Architects and Planning Consultants, have been promoted to associate level positions. Promoted to senior associate was Bill D. Smith; to associate architect, David L. Atteberry; to associate, Weldon W. Nash, Jr. and Joseph R. Drake.

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Helmut F. Geiger, Architect and Engineer, has formed a new architectural and engineering practice with offices located at 1544 Irving Street, Rahway, N.J.

Donald W. Y. Goo has been made a junior partner of Wimberly, Whisenand, Allison & Tong Architects, Ltd.

Hackner, Schroeder and Associates of La Crosse, Wisconsin has changed its firm name to Hackner, Schroeder, Roslansky & Associates, Architects/Engineers/ Planners.

Hayden H. Harriss, A.I.A. has been made an associate in the Atlanta architectural firm of Jova/Daniels/Busby.

William C. Henderson has joined Linde Hubbard Associates, Inc. as a principal. The architectural firm is located in Burlington, Vermont.

A new architectural firm has been formed from the merging of Jones/Mc-Cormack/Peacock, Associated Architects and Tillar and Garn, Architects. The new firm, Jones, Peacock, Garn and Partners, is located at 2662 Madison Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Washington, D.C. firm of Keyes, Lethbridge & Condon, Architects announces that James C. Blount, John E. Mc-Cartney and William J. Rabon, Jr. have been made associates.

Mark A. Lechowski, A.I.A. has been named an associate of the San Francisco architectural firm, Rex Whitaker Allen and Associates.

Two new associates, Gerald K. Slawin and Nicholas J. Nowicki, Jr., have been appointed by the Chicago architectural firm of Ezra Gordon—Jack M. Levin & Associates.

Arden L. Larson, A.I.A. has been made director of consulting services for Charles Luckman Associates.

The Cleveland architectural and interior design firm, Arthur Lawrence Associates, recently changed its firm name to Lawrence-Hawyer Associates.

Allen Y. Lew, A.I.A. has appointed William E. Patnaude, architect, and Harry A. Chinn as associates in the firm. The Fresno, California firm is now known as Allen Y. Lew Associates, Architects.

Carl C. McElvy, A.I.A. recently joined the Los Angeles office of John B. Parkin Assoc. Architects, Engineers, Planners.

Robert Woody McFadyen and Roman C. Plugge have been elected vicepresidents of Grayson Gill Inc., Dallas architectural and engineering firm.

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# THE NEW NATIONAL GALLERY IN BERLIN BY LUDWIG MIES VAN DER ROHE

The gently tapering column shown at left is one of eight which support the 1250 ton, 210-foot-square roof of the first Mies building to be erected in Germany since he left his native country 30 years ago. Acclaimed by many as the consummate masterwork of an artist who has created many of the finest buildings of our time, it is certainly one of the most beautiful buildings ever constructed. In no way does this new exhibition hall represent a change in direction for the 82-year-old Mies. Its design, made possible by the most advanced structural technology, fulfills a theme first stated in his earliest work and well developed in the never-built Bacardi headquarters building for Santiago de Cuba, designed in the late fifties.

Asked why he has yet to depart from a design approach so consistent as to appear inevitable, Mies has laughed and said lightly: "I refuse to invent a new architecture every Monday morning."

NEUEN NATIONALGALERIE, Berlin. Owner: Stiftung Preussicher Kulturbesitz; architect: Mies van der Rohe; structural engineers: Dienst and Richter; mechanical engineers, general contractors and field supervisors: Der Senator Fuer Bau-Und Wohnungswesen.







The vast terrace which forms the base of the New National Gallery is only a part of the even larger Kemperplatz, West Berlin's new cultural center, which now includes Scharoun's famous orchestra hall and the old Matthaikirche which can be seen at the righthand edge of the photograph above. The immense gallery, truly monumental in scale, now dominates the Kemperplatz, and, because of its pivotal location, will continue to do so when the proposed state library and a complex of five other museums are added to the cultural center.

The building consists of two parts. On the terrace level a 25,000-square-foot, virtually unobstructed universal space serves as an exhibition hall for changing exhibitions. Below the terrace are gallery spaces for the permanent collection of paintings, prints and sculptures of the 19th and 20th centuries. The ceiling of the lower





floor is conventionally framed in reinforced concrete but the roof of the exhibition hall is a technological feat in steel. A flat, two-directional structure painted off-black, it is 210 feet square and approximately 6 feet deep. It consists of welded steel web girders 12 feet on center in both directions forming a square structural grid. The continuous upper compression plate is reinforced with steel ribs to prevent buckling. The roof has been slightly cambered at the four corners and mid-spans to appear flat. Eight cross-shaped steel columns, two on each side, support the roof which transfers its load to each column through a pin joint. The hall itself is 177 feet square and 28 feet high. Its great space is interrupted at only four points by two mechanical ducts and stair, elevator and coatroom elements. The lower floor opens upon a sunken sculpture court which may be seen in the section at left.





The granite terrace is approximately 345 by 361 feet and covers almost a full Berlin city block. It is approached by three broad stairways and defined by a continuous granite bench which also serves as a guard rail. Like the exhibition hall itself, the terrace is a noble setting for monumental sculpture. Above and at left are two different views of an Alexander Calder stabile. Below is a work by Henry Moore.





The exhibition hall, shown above, is best suited for large scale artworks, an opportunity which was not exploited by the choice of Mondrian's small paintings for the opening show. The lower floor shown in the two photographs at the right is less than ideal as gallery space because most of it is without natural light. The sculpture court, shown at the far right, lies below the street level and is surrounded by high granite walls. It includes a pool, generous planting areas and some large trees.







CEILING





The ceiling of the exhibition hall consists of black aluminum grilles recessed in the structural steel frame. As the construction photos indicate, large segments of the roof structure were brought to the site and welded together on the ground. The columns were connected in a horizontal position by means of pin joints. The 1250-ton roof was then raised by hydraulic jacks to a position slightly above its final elevation of 28 feet in approximately nine hours. The columns gradually swung into a vertical position during the lifting process. The entire structure was then slowly lowered into place.



# R.I.T.'S NEW CAMPUS-A UNIQUE DESIGN COLLABORATION

Rochester Institute of Technology's new campus is an important achievement in the arts of architecture and planning. It is the work of landscape architect Dan Kiley, and five architects-Lawrence Anderson, Edward Larrabee Barnes, Kevin Roche, Hugh Stubbins and Harry Weese. Starting with a fine rural site approximately one mile square, these men have collaborated to achieve a campus plan which-in addition to functioning well in a practical sense-becomes the framework for bold compositional effects, great vistas, beautifully scaled courtyards which will become settings for sculpture, and broad playing fields incorporated within the campus fabric (rather than relegated to its margins).

Further, these architects have collaborated to establish and work within a common esthetic, which includes a shared vocabulary of structure, scale and materials to achieve a campus as unified as a medieval city.

This accomplishment is, to say the least, highly unusual. An architect will occasionally defer, in matters of scale and material, to those noteworthy buildings of architects long dead which may bear a visual relationship to his new structure. If, however, the buildings which are to bear this relationship are the works of architects who are alive and practicing, neither the desire to collaborate nor the procedures for so doing often exist. For this reason it is interesting to examine briefly the development of the collaborative design process at R.I.T. which began in 1961 when Dr. Mark Ellingson, the

president, determined to move the entire campus from dilapidated buildings in downtown Rochester to a splendid site several miles outside of the city. He decided that the move should occur in one phase rather than several-an immense job, therefore, for all concerned. One of the schools to be included on the new campus was the School for American Craftsmen, founded by the American Craftsmen's Council whose chairman, Mrs. Vanderbilt Webb, is also a R.I.T. trustee. Mrs. Webb, the late architect David Campbell, and Dan Kiley persuaded President Ellingson and the trustees that the campus should be the work of five of the best architects they could find, one for each of the proposed academic, social, athletic and administrative groupings within the Institute, and one for the dormitories. They proceeded to select those whom they felt could develop an approach in common. Lawrence Anderson became coordinating architect and Dan Kiley space coordinator and landscape consultant. When the architects began, it was not firmly established which buildings they should do, but as the site plan developed, it began to resolve itself into five complexes. Kevin Roche argues that the basic concept of five separate groupings of functions into five complexes should have been challenged. He asserts that had it not been necessary for each collaborator to go back to his office and do his complex, the final site solution might have been quite different and possibly better. For this reason he believes that the campus should have been the work of a single good firm—a more efficient process, he contends. The other collaborators don't agree. Anderson feels that it was essential that each functional grouping within the Institute have its own architect because of the difficulties inherent in developing so many complex programs to be built at once. He also believes that each of the five architects, challenged by his peers, did his best work. Weese considers the collaborative process highly successful. "Architects need to work each other over as we did."

All the architects admit that working together on R.I.T. was quite trying at times, and no one believes that the final result is a complete success.

Several argue, for example, that the student residences should have been closer to, and better integrated with, the academic area, although the fact of the co-existence on this campus of both day and evening schools would seem to call for an explicit separation of academic and dormitory facilities to provide day students with some degree of quiet, privacy and separateness in the evening. This arrangement also allows for more freedom of choice in the location of future academic facilities. All of the collaborators regret that Dan Kiley's planting scheme is not being carried out, and that the architects lost control of the interior furnishings. Curiously, none of the architects seem to realize what an extraordinarily good job they have done. Perhaps they will when they finally recover from the wounds of a remarkable collaboration.

-Mildred F. Schmertz

R.I.T.'s 1300-acre site was occupied this fall by a total enrollment of over 14,417-including 3821 day students and 10,596 evening and special program students. A dormitory complex for 1900 students and 13 academic buildings were all constructed in one phase for approximately \$60 million. The campus is organized in two distinct areas-the academic and the residential-each on its own hill and connected by a long pedestrian mall. Buildings A, B and C form the dormitory complex, which includes a dining hall and future dormitory construction. Other buildings include the physical education-athletic center D, the college-alumni union and pool E, the evening school G, the business, health and administration building H, the library J, the general studies building K, the graphic arts and photography building L, the fine and applied arts building M, and the applied science N, science O, and proposed health sciences buildings P.





- KEVIN ROCHE, JOHN DINKELOO & ASSOCIATES
- HARRY WEESE & ASSOCIATES
- HUGH STUBBINS & ASSOCIATES
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The academic complex  $\uparrow$  is approached by a long and formal access road. It is on axis with the tower of the administration building, which serves as the main campus landmark. The center of this complex  $\downarrow$  is reached by a drive which gives a good view of Hugh Stubbins' fine arts and graphic arts buildings  $\rightarrow$  to the east. The campus center, designed by Kevin Roche, opens upon an axial vista to the east that culminates in the applied science building by Anderson, Beckwith and Haible.

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Roche's college-alumni union encloses the campus center to the south. 🛧 A 500-seat auditorium forms the principle mass. Its sharklike profile was designed to partially reveal the east-west vista formed by the campus pedestrian walk. Since this facade faces north it has been angled to catch the sun. The building plan has been organized to require fenestration on the three other exposures in order to provide a continuous brick surface for this portion of the campus center. The passageways in this building and throughout the campus have been carefully integrated with the pattern of outdoor circulation. In Roche's buildings, skylights make these corridors seem part of the outdoors. ¥ The union includes a lounge and a cafeteria. →







The principal entrance to Roche's physical education and athletic building  $\rightarrow$  separates the ice arena from the gymnasium. The main lobby  $\psi$  leads to a terrace which overlooks the playing fields and the dormitory complex beyond. The brick used throughout the campus is Pennsylvania iron-spot, which changes in the light from pink to a purplish brown.











The applied science building at the western end of the campus major axis 1 faces a plaza which is defined to the east by two buildings by Harry Weese-a library to the south and a general studies building to the north. Weese's buildings also appear in the photograph of the vista from the science plaza east toward the campus center.  $\rightarrow$ Roche's notched facade, which opens the view to the dormitories, can just be discerned in this photo. It can be seen more clearly in the adjacent photo. The science complex  $\leftarrow$  is at the western edge.





The science plaza opens into another court formed by Stubbins' colleges of fine and applied arts and graphic arts and photography.  $\uparrow$  Weese's general studies building appears in the right-hand corner of the photo.  $\pi$ 

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Most buildings include open passageways which interconnect courtyards, plazas and perimeter parking areas. Two examples are at the intersection between two elements of Stubbins' arts complex  $\rightarrow$ and within Weese's building.









Edward L. Barnes' dormitory complex ★ is located on a slight rise at the eastern end of the campus axis beyond the playing fields. At its main intersection is a sundial ← designed by architect-sculptor Alistair Bevington, an associate in the Barnes office. The sundial, very handsome but never designed as a seat, has nonetheless become an important student gathering place. ↓ It is of rusted steel with an aluminum rod supported by cables. It is one of a number of works of art commissioned for the campus.









The dormitory complex includes a dining hall  $\uparrow$  which overlooks a broad meadow, with picnic tables and an outdoor fireplace, to the south. The interior of this 950-seat hall is stepped downward  $\prec$  and its fenestration follows the slope. The farmland south of the dormitory complex  $\checkmark$  is quite extensive in acreage and will eventually be developed to add to the generous and well located recreation facilities already provided on the flat open fields of this campus.



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A surprising little doorway,  $\leftarrow$  the only one of its kind on the campus, was designed by Barnes as part of the dormitory complex to frame the administration tower and lead to a small terrace. The terrace affords a splendid view of the playing fields at the foot of the castlelike walls of the academic complex.  $\checkmark$  The principal pedestrian axis appears at left.

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The student's walk to the academic complex begins at the sundial  $\uparrow$  and proceeds between two fourstory fraternity units  $\prec$  to the pedestrian walk on a raised spine above the playing fields.  $\checkmark$ 

He enters the campus center through the portico which separates the gymnasium and swimming pool in Roche's physical education complex. ← The notched facade of Roche's auditorium can be seen in the middle distance. As it nears the academic complex, the pedestrian walk becomes a handsomely designed bridge. ↓

## PROPOSAL: A NEW AND COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM FOR DESIGN AND DELIVERY OF BUILDINGS

DELIVERY

by Robert F. Hastings

DESIGN

#### DECISION

Comprehensive System

Rim and spokes of the wheel are project management skills uniting the three steps, decision, design and delivery. White areas represent planning skills. Shaded areas show relative weights of production skills in each step. Robert Hastings, president of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates, Inc. and a long-time student and advocate of comprehensive systems, now firmly believes that architects, engineers, and planners must radically change, expand and coordinate their skills with those of builders and manufacturers to meet the needs for new construction ahead.

Imagine what could be done if all the processes by which buildings are commissioned, designed and built were suddenly freed from all tradition. Imagine that you could now invent those processes in the most logical array possible. The new processes must be the most efficient and the most generative of beauty, functionalism and economy. In your freedom from tradition, you are not constrained to think of labels such as architect, engineer and contractor. You have the power to muster all the talents and resources now available and to develop new ones as needed—under whatever label and in whatever combinations seem appropriate.

If you take into account the enormous problems now inhibiting building processes—and realize that many of those problems are self-generated by the patterns in which we all now operate you will arrive at a new system quite different from that which now prevails.

To encompass the full sequence of factors affecting any system, you would start at the very beginning—where the decision to build or not to build is made. You would back off from the confusion of trial and error that now besets every client and consider a new comprehensive system that might unify the processes of initiation with the processes of design and construction. You would analyze the needs of such a system, the steps required for its orderly implementation, and the skills required of the men who must make it work.

The comprehensive system proposed here assembles the talents for building with insistence on only one criterion: Professional service to clients in delivery of the best possible building, on time, and at the lowest cost consistent with quality.

As with all ideas freed from prejudice, simplicity emerges as a prevailing characteristic. At risk of seeming to force simplicity into the "ancient rule of three," we can list—under each of our three categories of needs, steps and skills —three items.

• The needs in the building process are for control: 1) control of quality; 2) control of cost; and 3) control of time required for the whole process. It may be argued that cost and time are intimately linked—as they surely are even when they are not synonymous. In the building field, however, the control of time is a management process quite separate from the options of design and materials controlling other costs of a project.

• The steps that must be taken in any building process are again three: the decision of where, how much and when to build; design of the building; and delivery of the building on time and in the budget.



• The skills marshalled in varying combinations and degrees at succeeding phases of the process are skills in planning, production and project management.

In order to clarify the logic by which all these triads lead us through today's complex building process, let's review each in some detail.

## NEEDS CONTROL QUALITY CONTROL COST CONTROL TIME

It is increasingly apparent that our clients continue an unending search for a comprehensive system for creating buildings within the disciplines of quality, cost, and time. This search manifests itself in many ways. Some corporate clients will try on one day the package-design-andbuild approach; the next day, the traditional architect-engineer-general contractor approach; then the lease-back, and then a mixed approach of packagebuilder with independent design affiliation. Such clients are constantly searching for a simpler, more comprehensive way to create their buildings so that they can get on with the business of producing their own particular product. They need assurances that their buildings will be built within the shortest possible time, within the lowest possible budget consistent with quality.

The basic separation between independent professions and package dealers lies in the fact that the latter usually sell their services with primary emphasis on savings in time and cost. Built into the very concept of professionalism, however, is the fact that any real service to clients must rest on a *three-point* balance of time, cost and quality.

Clients are no longer satisfied with merely saving time and money. They are increasingly insistent upon higher and higher quality—of design and materials —within their budgets.

### STEPS DECISION DESIGN DELIVERY

• Decision is obviously the first stage in any process for creating buildings: decisions as to feasibility, decisions as to basic program, decisions as to location, site, budget, size—these are all decisions that in the end must be approved by a client before moving into the next stage of design.

Because buildings are becoming far more sophisticated, however, and because the problems of finance are becoming more complex, clients are more and more leaning upon others to assist them in the decision-making period. This is a professional service. It should be provided by, and is being provided by, architects, engineers, planners, real estate developers, management people, other consultants and banks. Above all, this service must be provided professionally, as distinguished from an entrepreneurial production service, so that the advice that is presented can be unbiased advice and can help a client make the very important decision as to whether or not it is good judgment to go ahead with the project in the first place.

Further—to an increasing extent in today's political and social climate—the advice must rise above the client's enterprise itself as a profitable venture and view the project in context with the needs of society. This may sound like a pretentious posture and/or an unwarranted demand upon the professional. But if he *is in fact professional*, he has no choice but to defend both client and community against any grossly exploitational disaster as he sees it.

The decision stage, then, is a crucially important stage. It requires all the professional input of the best possible people in order to arrive at the proper starting point and stopping point and all points in between in a viable program. It will become even more difficult in the future. • The design stage is, of course, the creative stage so far as the physical facility is concerned. (It should be acknowledged, however, that there is a great deal of creative work being done in the decision stage too; creative in a financial and business sense, perhaps, instead of an artistic, architectural or engineering sense.) During the design stage the skills traditionally attributed to designers, architects, engineers, planners, landscape architects, sociologists, psychologists, economists and others should be brought to bear to develop the most creative design concept possible to meet the total program needs spelled out in the decision stage.

In order to do this, there must be a close relationship between those who work on decision, and those who work on design. In fact, in many instances, they should be the same people. The design stage will become increasingly difficult because, again, time must be shortened; costs must be rigorously controlled; and quality must be improved.

In the design stage, it is going to be necessary to apply all of the sophisticated devices available in the business field to provide a broader choice for making design decisions. The computer is going to be extremely important and people from many disciplines are going to be needed. Thoughtful "design" people are already working in this direction (and I use the word "design" in quotes to mean not only architects but all those contributing to total design, taking into account all the facets of a problem).

· Delivery of the actual building itselfthe creating of the physical structure toward which the decision and design work has pointed-is the third step in the process. Delivery, again, will be done by a team which I believe will involve not only the various construction tradescontractors and material suppliers-but, increasingly, the now-emerging new professional acting as a construction manager or coordinator. Furthermore, I believe that, just as it is vitally important that the producer play a part in the decision process, it is equally important that the planner play a part in the delivery stage. It seems apparent that in the future the delivery stage will be quite different than it is now-just as the design stage will be totally different. The groups involved in delivery will not at all be those that presently exist. Just as architecture and engineering, as they are now practiced, must undergo metamorphosis, the general contractor, mechanical contractor and the electrical contractor must also take on new identity. All of these groups, I believe, will develop a newer, better, more effective and efficient system of creating buildings.

#### SKILLS PLANNING PRODUCTION PROJECT MANAGEMENT

In the comprehensive processes of decision, design and delivery; planning skills, production skills and project management skills are required in each phase. The terms are used in the broadest possible context. Planning, for example, applies to the total creative process-planning skills in the areas of finance, real estate, sociology, economics, in some instances political science, architecture, engineering, product manufacturing, and construction techniques-must be brought to bear on the decision process. During the design stage, many of the same planning skills are required in order to develop the ideal design. By having some of the planners play a role in both the decision and the design stages, the needs of the client can be spelled out more accurately, and carried out more consistently. And time and money can be saved.

• The planning skills required for the design stage will in the future call for the creation of a design profession made up of diverse specialists who have a clear understanding of one another's areas and contributions, but at the same time have specialized skills in the various disciplines necessary to bring about creative design. In other words, I believe the basic education of architects, engineers, and planners will have more and more in common, and their professional identities will merge as communication becomes more fluent. Specialization then will be an elective taken late enough in the professional career to truly reflect and use the special talents of the individual. Drop-outs will diminish. And the part-way stations of achievement, at which some arrest for one reason or another, will be honest goals and useful nodes of accomplishment—not failures.

In the delivery stage, planning skills are already increasing in importance. While the mechanical and electrical trades—and the product manufacturers have been making bigger and bigger contributions toward the total structure, many general contractors, for some reason, have failed to equip themselves with the manifold planning skills involved in the construction management of these other disciplines. In general they have limited their management controls to structural trades only, and have merely shuffled the paper for the other trades. Unless general contractors take on total construction management, as a certain few have done, I believe they will fade in importance and another breed of professionals will take their place.

In fact, as those who retain their construction planning skills give up contracting, they may become construction management professionals. Then they must work strictly for a fee, and have no profit to gain by cutting corners in a compromise with quality. Any savings in costs will then properly accrue to the owner, and the construction manager will be able to work professionally without conflict of interest.

• Production skills, while obviously required in a documentary and graphics sense at every step, take on special importance at the delivery step. It is already apparent that in a comprehensive system of control the production skills of contractors, trades people, material suppliers and manufacturers must be increasingly taken into account—even in the decision and design stages.

Three factors will profoundly affect the application of production skills throughout the building process: 1) buildings of the future are going to be much larger in scale; 2) the mix of the traditional trades is going to be quite different; and 3) there must be a greater input by the producer in the decision and design stages. Therefore, I believe we must find a completely new approach to the delivery stage that will enable us to take advantage of the production know-how of the manufacturer and the tremendous financial resources that make research and development work possible. We must develop a comprehensive construction system which will make it economically sound for the producer to do research and development work on building groups.

In the past, this has been extremely difficult, because, in general, we have been talking about one building at a time in the cost range of one million or two million dollars. It was not economical for a producer to spend a great deal of time and research developing products for one specific building and not have them applicable or available for others. However, the scale of projects is growing every year-hundred-million-dollar projects are now quite common. Certainly, on projects of this scale there must be considerable research and development work by manufacturers for that specific project in order to realize the greatest savings and highest quality.

I believe that more and more product manufacturers will be developing systems and sub-systems (they have already started) that are unique for particular projects. I do not mean that they are going to develop for example, a wall, and then try to sell it for every building that comes out in the next ten years; but I do mean that a wall manufacturer will become expert in creating walls, of all types, that are technologically excellent. He will not only design to the architect's performance specifications, but he will be able to test, manufacture, install and guarantee these walls as to actual performance in-place.

So I believe that, in the future, product and systems manufacturers are going to be selected much, much earlier, in some instances way back in the decision stage; in many other instances early in the design stage. And the designer is going to be working with the producer in these early stages in order to develop the most economical systems with the highest quality.



Here again there will be a great need for a professional construction manager who can coordinate on-site assembly of the various systems and sub-systems. Such a manager could be an architect, an engineer, or another designated firm doing only construction management. The important thing to remember is that he is a professional who understands the decision and design processes and has special expertise in the area of delivery.

• Project management, then, takes on identity as the third skill which will be necessary to make this comprehensive system work. This skill can be supplied by any professionals who qualify to do the task. They may be architects or engineers, if they have the vision to prepare themselves. They may be primary contractors, real estate developers or management specialists. It all depends upon the skills and training of the people involved, for theirs is going to be the very important job of holding together the decision, design and delivery steps of the total process.

#### In the comprehensive system, management unites all steps and skills

By representing the steps in the creative process as segments of a circle (as in the chart entitled "Comprehensive System") each step touches upon the other two, which is exactly what should happen in the most efficient and effective process. The problem of the past has been that each of the three steps has been taken by itself, almost totally ignoring the other two. The project-management wheel is intended to illustrate that the three steps of the process are held together tightly by the rim and relate to one another by the spokes of project management. The white areas illustrate the planning skills and the dark-toned areas represent the production skills. The percentage of one area versus the other will vary, of course, with the particular project at hand.

I sincerely believe that this continuous unification of relationships is the direction of the future. There is already a great movement in this direction and, hopefully, this wheel-shaped framework expresses the direction that is gradually evolving in the construction industry. Who has these skills at present? I don't believe that any one group has them inherently. I do believe, however, that there are groups emerging that are preparing themselves for one or more of the key roles in such a comprehensive system.

## Architects must now assess the role that means fulfillment

I am profoundly concerned that the architectural profession as a whole is not moving as rapidly in the direction of broad-scale responsibilities as it should be. In fact, I am sure there are many architects who believe their role is in "pure design," and they narrow their role even further by envisioning themselves only in the esthetic and planning phases of design. I am encouraged, nevertheless, by the number of architects who see very clearly that the professional role of the future will be involved in the planning and project management areas described.

The pressures for a comprehensive system for creating buildings are becoming so great that the professions and the rest of the building industry are going to be forced into drastic changes. So long as these changes are made with the interests of clients paramount, there can be nothing but gain for all concerned, even though each group has to re-adjust traditional concepts of its identity.

Contractors, for example, as well as architects and engineers must make radical adjustment in their present form. Architects and engineers will design buildings utilizing performance specifications for major systems and sub-systems, rather than the traditional details of construction. Manufacturers will fabricate the major systems and sub-systems in their factories, erect them at the building site, and guarantee their performance. The building contractor will field-fabricate and erect those parts of the building that hold the major systems and sub-systems together. Construction management will bring together the prefabricated systems and field forces for coordination and erection.

## How might this comprehensive system work?

Within the system we are trying to describe, project management skills will bring together the various planning and production skills where needed in the decision process. Building programs, since they are becoming more sophisticated, must be prepared by inter-disciplinary planning groups that have a good grasp of the function, economics, and other factors social and political surrounding the making of decisions. Many of these decisions of the future will be in the multi-million dollar bracket. Therefore, every little aspect in decision becomes very important. The digits to the right of the decimal point make a very material difference in the total fee when you are talking about construction costs.

I believe that, in the future, gross design decisions will have to be made during the decision period in order to come up with the basic starting points that continue to be valid through the remaining steps of the total creative process.

All this will be possible and logical, because both planners and producers have taken part in the decision stage. There will be no loss of effort, no starting over again because the programs were wrong or impractical, or because gross design decisions made in the first stage were wrong or impossible for the ultimate designer to work out.

In like manner, as the various disciplines bring their skills to bear upon the design step, the planning skills must interrelate with the producing skills in order to come up with a design concept that will waste no motion, increase no costs, lose no quality when the project gets to the delivery stage.

Those architects and engineers who can see into the future, will, I believe, give leadership to the creation of a new profession or a set of new professions that completely understand and relate to one another in developing man's physical environment. I believe that architects and engineers of the future will prepare themselves thoroughly to understand and administer the planning and project management skills. I believe that they will eminently fulfill this role. But I do not believe that they will have an exclusive claim upon this role. Others are already preparing themselves for it and will fill it very well.

We have a responsibility to think primarily of the needs of society and to develop our skills and our services to meet those needs. The immediate future, I know, is going to be agonizing for all of us. But I can see so many advantages, so much to gain, that I am looking forward to these new horizons.

# PRESTON M. BOLTON, ASSOCIATES: A FIRM THAT THRIVES ON HOUSES

At a time when too many architects claim that house design is "too much trouble and too unprofitable," it is reassuring to see a firm that limits its work to nothing but houses prosper. With a large volume of houses built during his years of practice, and a large volume constantly on his boards, Preston Bolton has developed an expertise in building houses that people like to live in. His design approach and six of his newest houses are presented here.



"I limit my practice to houses because I like doing them. I also decided early that I wanted to maintain a small office, to maintain design control of every facet of a project. I believe this is the only way to do a good job for the client and the only way to create good houses.

But I cannot do speculative houses, because I need to design for a client one with limitations of scope, and always a budget.

I of course considered the fact that there are very few architects who have limited their work to houses, and the environment has suffered from this lack of interest. The environmental influences of the home are far-reaching and quite important in our social world today.

I never tell clients that I am going to do a house for them. Always, I say that I am going to help them design a house, and I mean it. Too' many architects when they do design a house—design it for themselves, and they expect their clients to conform.

One has to know a lot about clients to design a good house. One visit to their present living quarters is worth many office conferences. I try to deal equally with the husband and wife, and few projects are handled by one or the other. Then it is more their house, and less mine. The plan is first and most important, for that is what makes a house really livable for that particular family.

The elevation, second, needs imagination and flair that reflects the personality of the client.

Materials form the third part, and the main thing is to keep the client from using too many. What the architect can do that the client cannot is urge the softness of brick, or the hardness of terrazzo, to develop a feel for space.

Next one must design the multitude of details—kitchen cabinets, bath dressing tables, and front doors. No two families live alike. I love details and how things go together—and this is most important in a house. Details can make or miss the original design concept if they are not kept in rein. I often wonder if the client really cares about all of the trouble we go to for a ½-inch reveal around all trim and cabinets. I like to think that they do. At least, they know that they like the feel of the finished product.

One cannot help but become vitally involved with all elements of design. The lighting must be adaptable to the quiet of every-night living, and to the noise of party crowds. The light, airy feeling of daytime living must be captured after dark for festive occasions, and easily adapted for more serene ones.

And there must be concern for furniture. It is important to think where to put the bed in a bedroom, and consequently I almost have to have a furniture plan in my mind to make a plan livable. I like to be consulted on interior design.

I like landscaping—but the right kind in the right place. Here again, I try to see in my mind—during the design stages—that magnolia tree, and try to encourage the client to buy it.

Domestic architecture is a most rewarding profession. It is great to see people enjoy a house that combines their thinking and the thinking of an involved architect. Often, you can completely change the lives of a family.

I have never been sorry that I chose this profession. I am never happier than when I can spend hours at the drafting board. I could not do this in a large office. I wish more architects would join me in what I consider the best field of our profession."

-Preston M. Bolton



AN ELEGANT CONCEPT OF LINKED PAVILIONS AND COLONNADES has been developed by



Preston Bolton for this fairly large and formal house. It forms a very appropriate scheme for the ample site, and affords desirable views of the large trees and small stream on the property. On the street facade, a generous setback and solid brick walls for major rooms give the needed privacy. A wide entrance gallery, which adds greatly to the sense of style in the house, separates the entertaining areas and the bedroom areas into a bi-nuclear plan. A separate, working artist studio was placed in a quiet location across the stream, on axis with the house and accessible by a bridge. Champagne-colored Mexican brick is used.





Spacious interiors focus on planned vistas through glass walls set between the modular pattern of brick columns. Concrete slab floors have terrazzo or oak finish.

HALPERN RESIDENCE, Houston. Owner: Leonard Halpern; engineers: Cunningham and Lemus; landscape architect: Courtade; contractor: Alan Huvard Associates.



Jerry Bragstadt photos



NEW HOUSES BY PRESTON M. BOLTON



The Halpern house affords an excellent example of Bolton's constant concern with indoor-outdoor relationships of spaces, for day or night, and of his meticulous detailing and vigorous use of color in all cabinet work (the kitchen doors below are a strong ochre-yellow).



Jerry Bragstadt photos





RUGGED MATERIALS FORM A WEEKEND HUNTING LODGE for a large Texas



"working ranch." Set among oak trees on the edge of a man-made, sand bottom lake, the house aptly echoes its antecedents in low, horizontal lines, straightforward comfort and a usable surrounding porch. A big living-dining area, flanked by a small galley-type kitchen, is at one end of the plan; two combination dressing rooms and baths are at the other end and four bedrooms are in the center. Every room opens to the porch. Most surfaces have natural finishes: cedar board-and-batten exteriors, charcoal-stained cedar posts, teak paneling in the living room and painted pine boards for all other interiors.

Balthazar Korab photos



Preston Bolton uses glass walls, protected by the porch, to open every room to the lake and the ranch acreage beyond; extension of ceiling and floor materials into the porch area helps further to visually link indoors and outdoors. The living room has an exposed beam ceiling and brick fireplace.

RANCH HOUSE, Wallis, Texas. Engineers: Cunningham and Lemus; contractor: Koenig Construction Co.





A CENTRAL "HALL" FOR FAMILY VISITS KEYS THIS PLAN to the needs of the



owners, whose children are married and do not live at home, but who wanted the house to provide for visits of their grandchildren. The big room doubles as a foyer, and has a skylighted plant area with a central fountain to separate the entry from the family living area. The room opens at back to a covered porch and a terraced back yard. The site is a one-acre lot in a typical Houston subdivision.

The central hall also divides the bedroom areas from the entertaining and service areas of the house. A more formal living-dining room is separated from the hall by screens, which may be opened to join the areas for large gatherings.

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Careful planning and the creation of vistas and focal points give this house the appearance—and livability—of a much larger house and a much larger site.

GENITEMPO RESIDENCE, Houston. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Genitempo; engineers: Cunningham and Lemus; contractor: Pelham Construction Co.

NEW HOUSES BY PRESTON M. BOLTON



Jerry Bragstadt photos



A COMPACT TOWNHOUSE ON A 45-BY 78-FOOT LOT provides all the amenities, even outdoor



living space. Part of a townhouse subdivision Preston Bolton has created, this house is stylistically related to the others, but preserves its own strong sense of individuality. Bolton has been commissioned as architect for most of the structures. The house is an atrium plan, with all rooms opening off interior patios. To give maximum room and good circulation for large parties, the living room, dining room, library and bar are all ranged around a central atrium. The bedrooms open off a more private patio. Kitchen and utility areas are planned in a long galley-type arrangement and open to service, carport and maid's room.








Careful planning and detailing of cabinet work and lighting are as noteworthy in this little townhouse as in Bolton's large residences. Tiny pockets of outdoor space are used to give garden-like vistas to highly urban and compact plans.

HUDSON RESIDENCE, Houston. Owner: Richard C. Hudson; engineers: Cunningham and Lemus; interior design: Helene Sprong & Company; contractor: Ivanhoe Construction Company.

NEW HOUSES BY PRESTON M. BOLTON



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WELL-ORGANIZED SPACES FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE are integrated here into a



Y OF FIVE are integrated here into a basically square, "doughnut shaped" plan, extended by terraces and a carport. An outdoor atrium is the focal point for all the living spaces, and galleries around it link all the rooms into a very spacious entertaining area. All bedrooms are sound-buffered from the living spaces by a bank of baths and closets. Four changes in level are used to adapt the house to the gently sloping site. A variety of private terraces and gardens have been provided to closely link each room with the heavily wooded lot. The house is wood framed and veneered in champagne-colored Mexican brick.



NEW HOUSES BY PRESTON M. BOLTON





A relatively open plan, and a variety of courts and terraces provide a new vista at each turn within the Eads house. The house is zoned to group the children's bedrooms near the "activity" room, and the master bedroom adjoins the more formal living room. The same brick used on the exterior is used for terrace and atrium floors, and on some interior walls; other walls are painted plaster board. Interior floors are dark-stained Mexican tile or oak. The entrance doors and shutters are hand carved. EADS RESIDENCE, Fort Smith, Ar-

kansas. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. William M. Eads; engineers: Cunningham and Lemus.



Frank Lotz Miller photos



NEW HOUSES BY PRESTON M. BOLTON





A ONE-BEDROOM TOWNHOUSE provides spacious privacy and comfort for the owner and his wife. The site is a narrow corner lot at the intersection of active thoroughfares; the neighborhood is quite built-up and has property restrictions requiring two-story residences. Quiet and privacy were achieved by walling in the entire lot, and by using solid exterior brick walls—broken only by the entry door. All rooms open inward onto a landscaped terrace and pool. A terraced "tree house" was created to screen the view of the adjoining house.



A two-story garden room forms the indoor counterpart to the courtyard. The living room and dining room also have sliding glass walls to permit all spaces to be used together. LOY RESIDENCE, Houston. Owner: *Milton E. Loy;* engineers: *Cunningham and Lemus;* exterior lighting: John Watson; contractor: *Al Stan Building Company.* 

Bill Maris photos







**BUILDING TYPES STUDY 390** 

# **SCHOOLS**

Although the economists are predicting a future decline in school building as the population bulge passes, with some softening already noticeable in the construction of elementary schools, the fact remains that the coming year will be a very busy one for architects working with this building type. It will be one of the biggest years ever.

And there are a number of factors which will make it an even more challenging field than it has been. Exploration of curriculum innovations and new teaching methods (by machine and otherwise) is continuing, and school administrators across the nation are far from any consensus in their notions on sheltering the learning process. Not only each different site, but each different faculty and school board will require careful and individual planning. The growing focus on community involvement and parent participation—stimulated by such movements as the school decentralization programs and the U.S. Office of Education's Central City School Projects adds another major factor to programing and planning.

Seven well planned, well designed and soundly constructed schools are presented in this study as illustrations that these qualities, as well as local requirements, can be met in a building type where costs are always under stringent control. The group of seven also illustrates many typical planning problems: conservative programs and progressive ones; urban sites and countryside; additions; grade levels from kindergarten through the end of senior high; private schools. The main factor that they all have in common is an unusual appropriateness for the local scene.



### P.S. 36 IS SCALED FOR VERY SMALL PUPILS —AND A HIGHLY URBAN SETTING

For a highly urban site bordering Manhattan's Morningside Park and edging a dense public housing project, Frost Associates' P.S. 36 combines a delightful learning and play environment for its 1200 "K-2" pupils with a great-but as yet not fully realized-potential for shared community use. An inventive scheme breaks out of the traditional city-block, linkfenced playground mold, and steps clustered units across the hilly, irregular terrain. Designed for an unusual program, the cluster plan permits division of the 1200 kindergarten through second-graders into three sub-units of 400 each. Each subschool has both standard and divisible classrooms and links by a mid-level bridge to a fourth, central unit providing administration and services for all. The many small-scale outdoor spaces between and below were designed by landscape architect M. Paul Friedberg as a variety of sunken and terraced playgrounds and set-back, street-level plazas. The 40-foot-high welded steel sculpture by William Tarr, composed of a myriad of alphabet symbols and numerals, was designed especially for children, yet helps create, with the school itself, a handsomely sophisticated landmark for an urban neighborhood.

MORNINGSIDE SCHOOL, New York City. Architects: Frost Associates; engineers: Ames & Selnick (structural); Kallen & Lemelson (mechanical, electrical); landscape architect: M. Paul Friedberg & Associates.



Within a great variety of playgrounds, plazas and classrooms, a clear pattern of circulation and space usage is assured throughout. Upper street-level entrances are set back under bridges for easy control, and give onto a spacious plaza provided for community use. Truck access is from the lower street, reaching the service core through an underpass that cuts under childrens' areas. The many outdoor spaces that climb up and down the hilly site can be used after school by neighborhood children. The second-story bridges form spacious playrooms. These connect the central unit at kitchen level and can double as lunch areas. The building is of brick and concrete with vellow and off-white inside walls and vinyl asbestos tile floors.







Alexandre Georges photos







### A FLEXIBLE TEACHING ENVIRONMENT FOR AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Educators and architects have for years, of course, been experimenting with school designs which they hope may "free" the teaching process. This elementary school in Kansas City is an imaginative and sophisticated response to these continuing needs for flexible spaces; it provides environments for teaching much smaller or much larger groups of students than can be accommodated in the standard classroom. The school has facilities for 60 kindergarten students and 360 students in grades one through six. The latter are taught in two large "suites" which have no partitions: the various classes or groups are defined within the larger space only by the arrangement of movable shelving and furniture (see below, center). Each suite, however, has its own adjacent entrance, toilets, coat rooms, and subsidiary space for art, music, or other special small-group activities. In addition, a planning room near the entrance to each suite provides conference facilities for six to eight teachers. The concept of open interior space has been applied to the rest of the school, as well as to the suites, giving this plan a remarkable sense of clarity and completeness.

RAVENWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Kansas City, Missouri. Architects: Kivett & Myers—James E. Arnold, vice president-in-charge; mechanical engineers: Smith & Boucher; structural engineers: Pfuhl & Stevson; kitchen consultants: W. Milt Santee; contractor: Bob Eldridge Construction Company.



The school is situated in an open, rather treeless suburban area (above). Its dominant horizontal roof fascia holds the design firmly on the ground, as if to avoid the sun and prairie winds. The soft orange of the fascia repeats one of the principal colors of the brick and is accented by primary hues on all exterior doors. Careful color selection has certainly enhanced this design. Clearly stated entrances help eliminate cross-traffic within the school.

Kivett photo:

Paul S.





Exterior detailing, particularly the metalwork (above), is clean and well fabricated. The four-by-fourinch newel columns stand free of the masonry and support the steel edge-beaming system. Short steel tubing has been placed along the fascia for articulation.

Inside, in spaces other than the two teaching suites, corridors have been eliminated and circulation takes place from space to space, particularly around the ground level portion of the multipurpose room (photo far left). This room has a lowered center with risers around its perimeter that serve as student seating. The upper level, besides becoming a circulation definer, can be used as a stage or podium. The administration area includes a principal's office, clinic, conference room, teacher's lounge, and reception area. The two kindergarten rooms have direct access to the multipurpose room.





There are no operating windows at Ravenwood. Natural light is admitted through occasional vertical "window boxes" placed along the outside walls (see previous page), and through continuous strip "skylights" angled down from the fascia to the top of classroom exterior walls (see above). Inside, these clerestory strips admit dramatic yet glareproof light along chalkboard and display surfaces. Fluorescent fixtures maintain proper lighting at desk height. All classrooms and the library are fully carpeted, and a simultaneous heat pump provides year-round air conditioning. Mechanical equipment is electric.





Malcolm Smith photos

### MODERN SCIENCE LAB FITS INTO A TRADITIONAL PREP SCHOOL CAMPUS

This science center for a small (150-student) boys' preparatory school fits smoothly into its site and unites sympathetically with neighboring buildings. The simple, gabled roof form of the science center was expressed, in the Cubist tradition, as a randomly-punctured solid block. This form is nevertheless easily reminiscent of the similarly shaped classroom structures next to it, conceived in an earlier era, within quite different architectural philosophies. From certain vantage points (photo upper right), the slope of the roof seems to match the slope of the ground below it, skillfully and specifically uniting building with site. The exterior is white-painted common brick, as are several older buildings.

WITTENBERG SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS CENTER, South Kent School, South Kent, Connecticut. Architects: The SMS Partnership—Timothy Martin, project architect; structural engineers: Fromme & Vosganian; mechanical engineers: Hill & Harrigan; site consultant: George Cushine.

> The sloping site permitted entry on two levels. Physics and mathematics are located on the lower level, with chemistry and biology above. The math classroom has no windows, for maximum chalkboard and instructional surfaces, while ample preparation and storage areas are adjacent to all classrooms.





### A GIRLS' SCHOOL CONTINUES ITS IMPRESSIVE NEW CAMPUS

Greenwich Academy, a girls' school for grades one through twelve, began its new campus about seven years ago, as older facilities became inadequate. The Upper School, shown on these pages, is the second phase of this new campus, and becomes a dramatic addition to the previous new buildings and master plan (RECORD, October 1963). As it houses grades nine through twelve, the Upper School is the largest of the new campus buildings, yet its front elevation (above) makes it appear quite small to the visitor. From the pond at the rear, however, (see right photo and rendering), the size, sweeping overhangs, and steeply-sloping site of the Upper School become more apparent. At ground level there are two open walkways through the building for campus traffic, and the upper floor has an exterior promenade within its overhang, which also provides sun shading for the large glass areas. Exterior materials are exposed concrete and a dark red-brown brick, with painted steel light poles, window sash, and handrails.

UPPER SCHOOL, GREENWICH ACADEMY, Greenwich, Connecticut. Architects: The SMS Partnership; mechanical engineers: Smith & Hess; structural engineer: Alvin Fromme; landscape architect: George Cushine; contractor: Ray Adler.





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The three-story Upper School has 13 classrooms and a study hall on the top level, along with an administrative area. Science laboratories, a library, and locker rooms are on the middle level, with art and music suites located on the ground floor. When the last phase of the campus is completed, the administration facilities will be relocated, providing additional classroom space in the building. The library (below) is spacious, with its own balcony overlooking the pond and the woods beyond it. The pond is a strong asset, used as a focus for the site.





### METICULOUS DETAILS MAKE MOST OF A GRADE SCHOOL'S STRINGENT PROGRAM

Architects face one of their strongest design challenges in buildings whose programs are highly specific, detailed, and of fixed dimensions and arrangements. Charles Colbert has shown his mettle in this school by providing a distinctive and elegant building to meet the stringent requirements. The school was planned for kindergarten through sixth grade, and to accommodate 770 children in 22 classrooms. The room sizes were predetermined, as was a two-floor building and central corridors. The site, located across the Mississippi River from New Orleans, occupies one municipal square of about two acres and is strewn with beautiful swamp trees. But Colbert comments that, "it was difficult to save the trees, due to zoning regulations: every outside perimeter building face was established by setback requirements of the local ordinance. Further, the director of physical education needed two paved play areas adjacent to the multipurpose building."

The all-too-familiar program has been envigorated by very careful detailing and discerning proportions, materials and colors: brick and painted steel are dark brown, glass is graybrown, copper skylight hoods have a green patina, operating steel sash and stair enclosures are white, aluminum fascias are light brown and entrance doors are vermillion.

PAUL B. HABANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Algiers, Louisiana. Architect: Charles Colbert; engineers: Guillot, Sullivan & Vogt; contractor: Bartley Inc.





Subdued colors and ample sun control adapt the school to the hot, humid climate. The banks of operable windows are shielded by a perimeter walkway and wide overhang around the multipurpose building, and by screens manufactured from aluminum boiler gratings in the classroom unit. The cafeteria area has big pyramidal skylights to relieve the large expanse of low ceilings.











### SPIRITED DESIGN MAKES JUNIOR HIGH A PACESETTER FOR NEW SUBDIVISION

A highly unified, but many-faceted structure has been created for this school to clearly express each element and closely relate it to the outdoors. A continuous exterior podium or building base was created to raise the structure above alluvial mud and to provide outdoor spaces for teaching and dining; each space is partially screened by the staggered walls, and provides a direct entrance to the adjoining room. There is also access from the central corridor.

The school is located in a virgin swamp five miles south of New Orleans, and will serve a new and developing singlefamily subdivision that is being drained and constructed alongside an industrial canal. The site was heavily wooded until Hurricane Betsy struck the area in 1965. Colbert notes that "high humidity, great quantities of rain, standing swamp water, extremes of temperature, insects and other exterior detractions demanded air-conditioning. Hurricanes and heat losses suggested that openings be reduced to a reasonable minimum and face only north and south, while full masonry walls resist intense east and west sun exposures." The result is an intriguing building which reportedly functions very well.

HELEN COX JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, Harvey, Louisiana. Architect: Charles Colbert; mechanical engineers: Lucien Vivien Associates; structural and electrical engineers: Guillot, Sullivan & Vogt; contractor: J. B. Bush, Inc.





The general massing of this school for grades seven through nine was planned to give a strong contrast to the flatness of the adjacent swampland. The general arrangement was made feasible by use of bearingwall construction and uniformity of structural bays; uniform length bar joists are used throughout most of the structure. Colors and materials are dark brown brick with horizontal raked joints of dark mortar, light tan plaster matching the natural concrete base, dark brown finish on metals and vermillion doors.

The school contains 85,015 square feet of enclosed and air-conditioned floor area, and cost about \$17 per square foot.





### COURTYARD HIGH SCHOOL CREATES A CAMPUS OF A BEAUTIFUL SITE

This school is a singularly good example of design appropriateness for site and neighborhood. The architects worked from a strong conviction of this premise: "the site is a particularly beautiful piece of land and the building is carved out of the landscape, preserving every possible tree. In contradiction to the attitude that a school should be a closed antiseptic box, this school strives to expose its students to the wonders of nature. It is arranged around a large, hilly court which, although the building completely surrounds it, can be reached directly at the ground level by open areas under the building. As the normal path of circulation between classrooms, it is heavily used in good weather. Continuous enclosed circulation is at the second level."

The handsome, simply-stated structure of concrete and brick relates well with the landscape, and creates an outdoor lobby from the large covered area at the entrance. Parking was specifically designed behind a wooded knoll to be invisible from the entrance drive or school, yet convenient to both.

EAST GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL, East Greenwich, Rhode Island. Architects: Albert Harkness and Peter Geddes (Randolph E. Anderson, principal-in-charge); and The Architects Collaborative Inc. (John C. Harkness, principal-in-charge); structural engineers: Gilbert Small & Company, Inc.; mechanical and electrical engineers: Francis Associates; educational consultant: Dr. Sidney Rollins; contractor: Turgeon Construction Company.





The plan of this senior high school organizes the various facilities into a very efficient scheme. The gym and auditorium are placed on either side of the main entrance to permit large groups of people to be handled easily, either simultaneously or at separate times; a split-level cafeteria is closely related to the auditorium for community functions, and may also be reached from either the first or second floors. While most classrooms are standard size (and some are divisible), spaces such as the library and music rooms are two stories, and have windows from the second level corridors overlooking the spaces "to increase the sense of involvement of all students in the activities."













EAST GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL



The structure of the East Greenwich High School is one of great clarity and strength: panels of redbrown brick, fitted into a frame of sandblasted and "form board" concrete create the basic enclosure. Inside, the mechanical systems are well integrated with the structure: lighting is fitted into the ribbed slab ceilings; heating pipes are contained in wood-baffled "packages" which incorporate unit ventilators, teachers' lockers, and book shelving, and form a strong design element on the exterior of the school.



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# ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING

#### Sprinklers proved effective in McCormick Place-type fire

In a simulated exhibition hall at their test buildings in Northbrook, Illinois, Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. recently checked the effectiveness of automatic sprinklers under conditions similar to those that destroyed Chicago's multimillion-dollar exhibition center. An exhibit area was constructed, using draperies and display material identical to those present in the original fire, and the fire was started in a manner similar to that believed to have caused the actual fire. Tests were conducted to determine: 1) the rate at which an uncontrolled fire would spread in a building similar to McCormick Place and 2) the water discharge density (gpm per min per sq ft) and area of protection for the design of automatic sprinkler systems to control or extinguish fires in exhibition halls having ceiling heights of 30 ft or 50 ft.

Two fire tests were conducted in a building having a ceiling height of 30 ft, and one test was conducted in a building with a 50-ft-high ceiling. Cardboard cartons and other combustible packing materials were placed behind booths and under tables to simulate typical conditions, and display tables were covered with the types of fabric commonly used in exhibits. Individual displays were sectioned off by draperies.

In the first test, sprinkler discharge was delayed for nearly 6 min after ignition-this time corresponding to the reported delay between discovery of fire in McCormick Place and receipt of the first alarm by the fire department.

However, sprinkler discharge was started 15 sec before this time because temperatures in excess of 1500 degrees were being recorded at the ceiling, and this was deemed hazardous to the test

facility. The results of the first test indicated that 0.20 gpm per sq ft discharge density could control or extinguish the fire. Actually, the first sprinkler opened at 2 min 56 sec, but the valve controlling the sprinkler system was not opened until 5 min 45 sec after the start of the fire.

In the second test, sprinklers were allowed to discharge water as soon as they opened-2 min after ignition.

In the third test, in which ceiling height was 50 ft, the water discharge was delayed until 6 min had elapsed, which was 50 sec after the first sprinkler actually opened. Eleven of the 12 sprinklers used in the test had opened by the time the sprinkler system was discharging water, and eight of them opened within 15 sec of the time the first sprinkler opened.

In the first test, approximately 80 per cent of all exhibit and display booth material was destroyed by fire. In the second test the fire did not extend much beyond the booth of origin, producing approximately 15 per cent damage. In the third test, again the fire did not extend much beyond the booth of origin, with damage estimated at 20 per cent.

Another phase of the tests was to determine if protected steel beams would resist heat sufficiently to prevent collapse of a building. In the first test an unprotected beam reached a temperature of 1355 F, while a beam protected with 1

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in. of asbestos fiber reached only 168 F. Additional tests were conducted to evaluate the ignitability of combustibles by molten aluminum, and the flame resistance of various drapery materials present in the McCormick Place fire.

#### **Object lessons derived** from luxury hotel fire

Evaluation of last December's \$11/2-million fire in Montreal's year-old Château Champlain Hotel has given object lessons in design against fire for a new brand of large, complex urban centers, and a review session of basic fire-protection ABC's as well.

Originating in the hotel's restaurant. where a late-night unsnuffed candle was presumed to have set aflame the foamed-plastic base of a food table display, the fire swept through ground-floor restaurants and bars. Dense smoke climbed to the upper levels of the hotel tower and adjoining shopping plaza, penetrating widely through nine floors. Volumes of water flooded rooms and destroyed machinery and flooring before the fire was quenched an hour later.

Yet considerable effort had been expended in assuring modern fire-resistive construction of the hotel's 480-ft structural steel tower. Also, all combustibletype interior finish in the public roomsincluding wood panelling and draperies -was fire-retardent-treated. Minimum local requirements, in short, had been generously met, according to Donal M. Baird, director of fire protection engineering of the Canadian Underwriters' Association.

The problem, according to Baird writing in the Fire Journal, was open communication over an extensive floor area without smoke or fire barriers, total lack of windows or other means of emergency ventilation on the floor of the fire, and a substantial fire load in an area without automatic sprinklers. For example, fuel in the furnishings and decor was unexpectedly large, and spaces having plastic shrubbery, foam upholstery and other luxury combustibles were left unsprinklered. Further, an automatic vent system at the top of the elevator shaft complied with the building code, but since it was heatinstead of smoke-actuated it never opened at all. Unvented fumes and intense heat choked off attempts to activate the two standpipes provided at the service core, and firemen had trouble getting through the windowless lower floors to get at the seat of the blaze.

#### Design for the handicapped the effort is still too small

In every community, virtually all of the buildings and facilities most commonly used by the public have features that bar the physically handicapped. And the most common causes of inaccessibility are due to failure to think of the needs of the handicapped at the design and planning stage. So says a report of the National Commission on Architectural Barriers to Rehabilitation of the Handicapped, chaired by Leon Chatelain, Jr., A.I.A. Example: Of nearly 3000 architects surveyed by the National League of Cities, only about a third of the 700 replying said they had knowledge of standard specifications for making buildings accessible.

Common causes of inaccessibility include: 1) steps and curbs; 2) inaccessible elevators; 3) steep and narrow walks; gratings in walkways; 4) doors that are too narrow, that revolve, or that are hard to open; 5) lack of parking spaces reserved for the handicapped and designed for their use; 6) lack of accommodations for wheel-chairs in theaters, stadiums, and other public gathering places; 7) too-narrow aisles in cafeterias, restaurants, libraries, auditoriums, etc.; 8) too-small public toilet stalls and telephone booths; 9) too-high telephones, drinking fountains, vending machines, light switches, fire alarms, etc.

Since one out of 10 persons has some disability that prevents him from using buildings designed only for the physically fit, what action did the Commission think ought to be taken? Major recommendations: 1) promulgate Federal legislation requiring all new public buildings and facilities using Federal funds to be designed to accommodate the handicapped; 2) require Federal agencies to follow accessibility standards on new construction, and budget for feasible changes in existing buildings; 3) encourage states to do the same; 4) urge revision of building codes, requiring that privately-owned structures be built for accessibility and, when renovated, to incorporate such provisions; 5) assign responsibility and funds to specific units of various governmental agencies at all levels to conduct and/or support research and demonstrations; 6) expand public and privately-supported education and information programs.

Progress cited includes the formulation of a standard on accessibility by the United States of America Standards Institute; action by 44 states requiring that public buildings be made accessible; action by universities and colleges; improvements in transporation facilities; Federal research grants; cost studies by the National League of Cities.

Surprisingly, of seven major manufacturer trade groups questioned, none had established any policy about meeting the U.S.A. Standards Institute standard on accessibility. A number of them thought that their members' standard products would have to be altered to make them usable by the handicapped. The report, "Design for All Americans," is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402 for 50 cents.

## Corps of Engineers to have building research lab

By early next year the Corps of Engineers hopes to have over 100,000 sq ft of space completed for the start of a new Construction Research Laboratory sited several miles from the University of Illinois campus. Beyond this \$3.25-million first phase, plans are to increase the space to over 260,000 sq ft by 1973. Head of the laboratory will be Lieutenant Colonel Rodney E. Cox. The laboratory is expected to be staffed initially by personnel now at the Ohio River Research Division of the Corps. Some of the research is likely to include instrumentation of buildings to evaluate their overall performance, tied in with computer studies to project future needs.

# New lumber grading rules simplify job of specification

Western Wood Products Association, which supervises quality control for 40 per cent of the nation's output of softwood lumber, has published new grading rules that promise to make it easier for architects and engineers to specify their materials. They also are the first grading rules that relate sizes of 2-in. nominal lumber to moisture content. New sizes of dimension lumber are those recommended last year by the American Lumber Standard Committee.

Whether or not the Department of Commerce intends to promulgate a new lumber standard is still not clear. In June, Representative John Dingell wrote FTC that Commerce had dropped plans to do so. (Producers of green lumber are said to have an eight per cent advantage in the manufacture of present lumber sizes, since they do not have to take into account shrinkage of lumber prior to its sale.) Improvements in the new grading rules include:

1. Nominal 2-in. lumber dried to 19 per cent moisture content will be surfaced at 1½ in. Unseasoned lumber will be surfaced to 1% in. Widths are also related to moisture content.

2. Span tables are more accurate, with design values updated in line with the most recent ASTM standards, and applied to improve stress grades of framing lumber. WWPA has complied with ASTM recommendations to accept lower ratings for modulus of elasticity and tension.

3. Numbers replace names for dimension grades, except for the top grade. Designations will be Structural, #1, #2, #3 and #4.

4. Stress grading extends to all Structural #1 and #2 dimension lumber 6 in. or more in width, to Structural grade in 4-in. width, and to 2 by 4s in the Light Industrial Framing category.

5. Applicable working stresses are shown for the first time for all 11 Western species covered by the quality control program.

6. A streamlined system has been devised to select the right pieces for particular joist and rafter spans. Mills adopting this system include *J* and *R* symbols on the stamp for each piece which keys to a simple span chart.

WWPA says that the architect will find design values easier to ascertain and specify than before. For the first time, applicable working stresses are shown for all 11 lumber species covered by WWPA's grading supervision. Where species are close enough in properties, design values are consolidated in species groups. For example, the "Hem-Fir" stamp covers Western hemlock, five true firs and Inland-Southwest Douglas fir. Design values for such groupings are derived by the principles set for the latest ASTM standards.

WWPA's Product Use Manual—excerpted from the rules book for the convenience of architects and others—and a new Grade Stamp Manual are available without charge from Western Wood Products Association, 700 Yeon Building, Portland, Oregon 97204. The Grading Rules Book costs \$1.00.

## Failure of a high-rise system: how safe should the structure really be?

The collapse of a 24-story wing of a newly-occupied high-rise apartment in London last May is making experts take a long, hard retrospective look at the disaster in an inquiry that could have implications for prefab or component building in high-rise structures.

Ronan Point, as the now-famous building is called, was one of nine similar blocks under construction for the London Borough of Newham using the Danish Larsen and Nielsen system of prefabrication. The method, widely used throughout Western Europe and in Turkey and Hong Kong, employs precast factorymade components.

Load-bearing outside and interior walls of the structure and floor panels fell like dominos, the whole 24-story corner shearing off the rest of the building with a kind of modular clarity that reflected the geometry of its construction. Three persons died in the collapse.

Reports from a full-scale inquiry, initiated for Britain's Ministry of Housing to investigate the collapse, are being closely followed by U.S. structural engineers and concrete specialists alike, although this and similar systems have not yet migrated to this country. They have, however, attracted widespread interest in the United States' search for lower-cost housing.

Pending an official report due this month, an interim letter put out by the inquiry in mid-August indicates that a gas explosion was the immediate cause. The explosion, thought to have originated on the 18th floor of the building, apparently blew out two load-bearing exterior wall panels, leaving the six floors above without support. These progressively fell, taking with them the apartments below. But the root of the failure was found to lie in the joints that connected the stacked floors and wall slabs, as it was observed that their design did not provide continuity connection to assure mutual interaction of the components under severe overload. The theory is that the explosion followed ignition of gas pockets accumulated at ceiling level. But experts agree that other factors, however remote-including ground settlement, accidental damage and other types of internal explosions-could likewise have caused the failure. In the words of one British engineer, Bernard Clark, speaking before the inquiry, "We should not have buildings such that, when there is an explosion, the whole lot comes down. This



is where the weakness of the joint is shown up. If this building had been joined properly at the joints, it is quite possible that the ceiling and some internal walls may have cracked, but we would not have had a cascading collapse." Progressive collapse in frame buildings is virtually unknown, it was observed.

The Larsen and Nielsen floor panels used at Ronan Point come with teethed edges that bear on the wall slab, and the joint is concrete-bonded after erection. The theory is that these teethed edges provide better bonding with the fieldfinished joint than a smooth-ended slab. In tests conducted for the investigation, bond failure occurred only at some 40 times the normal live load of the rooms. The only reinforcement is a single steel rod inserted laterally in the joint before concreting. Wind loads for a system of the Ronan Point type are handled by diaphragm action of the floor slabs, which transfer wind loads on walls to a monolithically acting stair core resisting forces

in shear. The panel joints seem to have been erected correctly, and workmanship was discounted as a contributing factor in the collapse.

In retrospect, it is clear that since an explosion was a potential hazard, even though remote, an effective type of joint continuity should have been provided. While wind and other normal loads were provided for, evidently the possibility of an internal explosion was simply never considered.

There are about a dozen systems in use in Great Britain based on the Larsen and Nielsen method, and the system itself has been used without mishap for several thousand low- and high-rise apartments throughout Europe since its start in the Danish market some 15 years ago. Ronan Point's liability to progressive collapse, according to the interim report, may now call into question prefab building systems that depend on large, loadbearing wall panel construction. As an initial measure, advisors to Britain's Ministry of Housing have devised the panel joint shown to the left to reinforce systems of the Larsen and Nielsen type—and to restore tenants' confidence in them.

Experts here say that such a disaster would have been less likely in the U.S., where engineers are accustomed to designing joint continuity-or at least some form of tie between wall and floor panels -for much lower structures. Close tolerances tend to be built into many European systems which often fit together with clockwork precision, with the result that perhaps more confidence is placed in the "designed for" performance of the structure. But by and large engineers here are likely to favor more conservative details geared to the realities of domestic construction and labor practices. Though such precast panel systems are not presently available on the U.S. market, concern in the wake of the British experience may continue to mount here too, as precision-designed European systems are beginning to capture American imagination, and as a number of domestic designs are pioneered here.

The joint said to be responsible for the London flat collapse fails to provide a tie that assures mutual action of wall and floor slabs under severe loading. Following crane-erection of the precast panels, a single steel rod is inserted for reinforcement, and concrete is poured-in-place. Dry mortar pack provides bearing for wall slab placed above. Bolt is adjustable to assure a consistent bearing surface.



A correct panel joint, as devised by advisers to the British Housing Ministry, could employ steel reinforcement embedded in the precast panels to help achieve continuity. Projecting loops in the joint are threaded before in-situ concreting by a lateral rod that can both tie wall and floor together and cantilever the wall.



### BUILDING COMPONENTS





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### Guidelines for using fibrous glass ducts in larger types of buildings

By J. M. Barnhart, executive secretary, National Insulation Manufacturers Association

When the National Fire Protection Association recently removed from its fire code nearly all restrictions on the use of fibrous glass ducts, it opened the way for much greater application of the material which has proved itself for use on any low-velocity system—except for exhaust systems—where sheet metal duct can be used.

As local code bodies amend their codes to reflect the changes in the NFPA standard, and as designers gain greater familiarity with fibrous glass duct, the decision whether to design in sheet metal or fibrous glass duct will undoubtedly rest on the relative importance of performance and cost. Fibrous glass duct is less expensive than lined or wrapped sheet metal, but obviously more costly than bare sheet metal.

During the past 18 months, designers have been calling for large quantities of fibrous glass duct, principally for use in schools and office buildings. The reason is that not only does the installed cost compare favorably with acousticlined or wrapped sheet metal, but it also forms an exceptionally air-tight system with superior thermal and acoustical properties and an integral vapor barrier.

Until now, the engineers who have been designing fibrous glass duct systems have been working with only manufacturers' literature to guide them. This condition has been changed with the publication of the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association "Installation Manual for Nonmetallic Ducts," issued concurrently with the revision of the NFPA code. The manual covers fabrication, reinforcement and installation, and was developed through the cooperative efforts of the National Insulation Manufacturers Association, the Sheet Metal Workers International Association and SMACNA.

Fibrous glass duct is not a new material—the first installation was in 1952 —but until last year, use was limited mainly to small installations, usually homes and light commercial buildings. The average installation took about 6000 sq ft of board—equivalent to a 1500-ft run of 12-in. by 12-in. duct. Between 1961 and 1967 about 100 million square feet were installed.

During 1967, usage moved upward sharply as designers began calling for large quantities in schools, office buildings, industrial plants and other large buildings.

The largest installation during 1967 used 300,000 square feet, at least a dozen took more than 100,000 square feet, and jobs of more than 50,000 square feet were commonplace.

Fortunately for both the designers and the contractors who worked with the fibrous glass duct prior to publication of the "Manual for Nonmetallic Ducts," the primary technology of the basic material is fully established. Fibrous glass has been used as acoustical and thermal lining in sheet metal ducts since 1946 and its insulating and sound attenuation properties are well known.

The evolution from a liner to the duct itself was a natural and logical step, since the borosilicate fibers of fibrous glass have both inherent strength and inherent insulating properties. Used as a liner for sheet metal, only the insulating and acoustical properties come into play. The phenolic binder, it was found, provided a means of using the strength characteristics of the fibers.

The addition of a membrane vapor barrier—metal foil or polyvinyl chloride —produces a duct material that is light, strong, easily worked by accepted sheet metal practices, and maintains the accepted insulating and acoustical excellence of fibrous glass.

Four companies produce fibrous glass duct material in three basic shapes:

1) Board. This material is supplied in flat panels in sizes up to 4 by 10 ft. Thicknesses available are 1 in., 1.5 in., and 2 in. It is available as standard-duty and heavy-duty board.

2) *Rigid round duct.* Available in inside diameters from 4 in. to 36 in. and in lengths to 6 ft. Thickness varies from .75 in to 1.5 in. depending on diameter.

3) Flexible round duct. Available in inside diameters from 4 in. to 18 in. and lengths of 6 ft and 7 ft. Spiral-wound reinforcing wire permits bends to 180 degrees without change of inside diameters.

Regardless of manufacturer, several basic characteristics are common and may be used in preliminary design work. These include allowable transmission capabilities, thermal and acoustical properties, permeability, puncture resistance, resistance to static loading and impact, reaction under negative and positive pressures, fire resistance, friction coefficients, and reinforcement requirements. Taken individually:

(1) Transmission capabilities. The material is designed for systems with air velocities up to 2000 fpm and as much as 2 inches of static pressure at temperatures not higher than 250 F. With the recent changes in NFPA 90A, there is no limit on air volume.

2) Thermal properties. The k-values of fibrous glass ducts are excellent. With an average conductivity of .23 at 75 F mean temperature, the designer can almost disregard thermal conductivity.

3) Acoustical properties. A major advantage of fibrous glass, whether used as liner material or as the duct itself, lies in its sound absorption properties. The fibrous glass ducts have the



additional advantage of being free from drumming and vibration problems associated with metal ducts.

4) Permeability. While itself unaffected by moisture, most fibrous glass insulation offers little resistance to moisture penetration. It can hold moisture in the interstices between fibers. This is not true of fibrous glass ducts, which have low permeability and absorption rates. Permeability varies with the vapor barrier casing. For example, the material typically absorbs no more than 2 per cent moisture by weight at 120 F and 95 per cent relative humidity.

5) Puncture resistance. When a section of fibrous glass duct is subjected to 265 F interior temperatures and 125 F exterior temperature for 60 days, the vapor barrier will not be penetrated by a 2-lb plunger with a 9/16-in. steel head falling a distance of 20 inches. 6) Resistance to static and impact loading. It is easy to demonstrate the ability of fibrous glass duct systems to resist static and impact loading. The static load test prescribed by UL 181, Underwriters' Laboratories Standard for Air Ducts, requires that a duct section with a centrally-located joint be supported on 8-ft centers. Those more than 24-in. wide are supported on 4-ft centers. A 10-lb load is hung from the midpoint of the length of duct with a 1-in.-wide pipe strap. After five minutes the maximum allowable deflection is 0.7 per cent of the distance between supports. After an hour the allowable deflection is 0.8 per cent; after a day, 1.0 per cent. When the weight is removed, the length of duct must return to a deflection of 0.8 per cent within five minutes. The inner and outer surfaces cannot be ruptured, nor can joints and seams be fractured. The same length of duct is used for

the impact test. The duct is placed on a firm, flat surface and hit with a 20-lb. sand bag dropped at least 10 inches, with center joint being the point of impact. After impact, the vertical inside dimension cannot have been decreased permanently more than 15 per cent. The inner and outer surface cannot have ruptured and the joints and seams cannot show any signs of fracturing or damage that would allow air leakage.

7) Operating pressures. Although board and rigid round fibrous glass duct sections are recommended for systems with operating pressures up to 2 inches, w.g., they are able to withstand much higher pressures. The same is true of flexible fibrous glass duct, which is recommended for pressures up to 1.5 inches, w.g.

8) Fire resistance. All fibrous glass materials manufactured by members of NIMA can be called fire resistant, and





Fork-lift dolly hoists a duct section, above left. Forks will hold section in place until joint is sealed and hangars attached. Right, worker staples

overlapped vapor barrier before tape-sealing joints. Hangars will be attached to reinforcement through small hole at left in the photograph.

carry an Underwriters' Laboratories label.

The Factory Mutual Engineering Division, Associated Factory Fire Insurance Companies, after a series of tests, reported that the introduction of cool air from other inlets cools the hot gasses and tends to retard or stop further burning rather than increase it. Factory Mutual also found that when a duct becomes severely involved it quickly collapses. This substantially reduces the possibility of the fire spreading.

When the fire tests were completed, the Factory Mutual Rating Bureau reviewed the results and concluded that fibrous glass ducts are noncombustible and there would be no insurance premium differential between heating and air conditioning duct systems using metal or fibrous glass.

Flame spread rating for fibrous glass duct materials manufactured by members of NIMA range from 15 to 20. Smoke development ratings range from 0 to 20. Fuel contributed ratings are 20 to 25. These ratings are better than the limits set by UL 723 and UL 181 for Class 1 and Class 2 ducts.

9) Coefficient of friction. The roughness factor, e, of the smoothest fibrous glass board is 0.00065 compared with 0.0005 for galvanized steel. For velocities of 500-2400 fpm, the air friction correction factor will not exceed 1.1. Other board and rigid round materials have correction factors ranging between 1.25 and 1.4. These have relatively little effect on duct size, as can be seen in the fact that a 36-in. rigid round fibrous glass duct is equivalent to a 35-in. round sheet metal duct.

Flexible fibrous glass ducts have more complex friction values. Designers

should consult the manufacturer's data to determine friction loss for a given diameter and air flow.

In practice, most engineers find there is no great difference in sizing fibrous glass ducts, especially when they are specified as alternates to lined sheet metal ducts. Normally, the outer dimensions will be the same.

10) Reinforcement. Publication of the SMACNA "Installation Manual for Nonmetallic Ducts" represents a move toward standardization in reinforcement recommendations by the four manufacturers of fibrous glass duct materials. The SMACNA manual covers all sizes of rectangular supply and return ducts up to 84-in. by 24-in.

The fabrication procedure for straight ducts from board is simple. The boards are grooved by machine or hand, then folded, the seams are stapled and they are sealed with an appropriate UL Class 1 closure system as recommended by the manufacturer.

Most fittings can be made from fibrous glass. Joints are made as male and female shiplap seams with the male shiplap of each section upstream. Necessary sheet metal accessories such as turning vanes, take-off scoops, shoes, collars and dampers usually are fastened with sheet metal screws and washers or extended tabs.

Round sections are even easier to put together. Joints are made with metal inserts. Additional reinforcement is not needed. Elbows, branches, reductions, offsets and dampers are formed with sheet metal inserts. Joints and other cuts in the vapor barrier are taped to provide barrier integrity and strength.

Obviously, the closure systems used

in the ducts are important. Four different tape systems are in use, each matched to a particular manufacturer's products. They are: 1) aluminum foil backed with a heat-sealing adhesive; 2) pressure-sensitive vinyl plastic; 3) a solvent-base adhesive covered with pressure-sensitive tape; and 4) an open-web glass fiber tape applied with two coats of vapor-seal mastic.

As mentioned earlier, schools have been the prime application of fibrous glass ducts, accounting for 28 per cent of the non-housing volume. The fact that they were used in the School Construction Development System concept undoubtedly has stirred interest among school designers and school officials.

Office buildings, especially Federal office buildings, are the next largest application. In 1967 they accounted for 23 per cent of non-housing sales. The new Federal building in Louisville, with 300,-000 square feet of board, is the largest installation to date.

Other types of buildings using substantial quantities are non-housekeeping residential buildings and apartments (13 per cent), factories (12 per cent), stores and shopping centers (10 per cent), and churches and theaters (9 per cent).

Many of the buildings in which fibrous glass ducts have been installed recently are types expressly excluded by older versions of NFPA 90A, indicating widening acceptance by building code officials as experience grows. These include theaters, restaurants, gymnasiums and other assembly buildings, plus hospitals and institutions. The new version of NFPA 90A eliminates restrictions on use with such occupancies.

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MASONRY SPECIFICATION / Two fourpage brochures aid in preparing architectural specifications for waterproofing, restoring, protecting and correcting masonry surfaces. Tamms Industries, Lyons, Ill.

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**PLENUMS** / A loose-leaf bulletin describes pre-engineered, prefabricated acoustic/thermal plenums that are said to be effective noise barriers, thermal barriers, and supplemental silencers. Industrial Acoustics Company, Inc., Bronx, N.Y.\*

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continued from page 224 STAINLESS STEEL / The 12-page July issue of "Stainless Steel in Architecture" describes some existing curtain wall designs including both high-rise and low structures. There is a 4-page technical section designed for separate filing, and there is information on cost-cutting techniques. • American Iron and Steel Institute, New York City.\*

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**COLLEGE AUTOMATION** / A 16-page booklet spells out economic advantages of automation for community and junior colleges. The booklet cites the experiences of three junior colleges in the St. Louis area and describes how centralization brought control of all scattered mechanical equipment to one point. Honeywell's Commercial Division, Minneapolis.

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Ian MacKinlay, A.I.A. & Associates has announced the appointment of George S. Winnacker, A.I.A., as principal of the firm and the change of its firm name to MacKinlay/Winnacker, A.I.A., & Associates. Murray McNeil, A.I.A., Don R. Yancey, A.I.A. and Thomas H. Cline, P.E., have been added as associates. The Orinda, California firm has opened a Guam office headed by Mr. Winnacker. The New York and New Canaan, Connecticut firm, McMillan Griffis Mileto, is now known as Robert S. McMil-Ian Associates, Architects and Planners.

Michael Rounds Metcalf, Architect, has opened a new firm for the practice of architecture located at 2828 Stanley Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

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Adrian Wilson Associates, Los Angeles-based architects and engineers, announce the appointment of John H. O'Hair, vice-president, to head their Washington, D.C. office.

Michael R. Tye, A.I.A. and William A. Sanders, P.E. have been elected staff associate members of J. N. Pease Associates, Architects/Engineers/Planners of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Five senior associates have been elected by The Perkins & Will Partnership, Chicago-based architects: John P. Gallagher, Richard A. Jones, Saul H. Klibanow, Russell G. Moy and Donald J. Richards. Elected as associates were: John J. Clemency, Roy F. Deng, B. Jack Golden, Paul H. Handing, John K. Holton, Robert R. Kumlin, Dennis Kunicki, Raymond L. Moldenhauer and Sheldon Schlegman.

Don Reay, A.I.A. is now director of the San Francisco firm, City & Regional Planning Associates Inc.

Stephen Richardson, F.A.I.A. and William H. Carleton, A.I.A. announce that they have joined in full partnership with former associates of the firm, Allen D. Moses, A.I.A., John L. Rogers, A.I.A., Phillip L. Jacobsen, A.I.A. and James E. Hussey, A.I.A. to continue the Seattle practice of Young, Richardson & Carleton under the new firm name of The Richardson Associates.

Marvin J. Richman, A.I.A. has joined the firm of Jonas Vizbaras/Architect as senior associate.

Two Cleveland firms, Dalton, Grimm Johnson and Associates and Schafer, Flynn and van Dijk, Architects, have merged to form the new partnership of Schafer, Flynn, van Dijk and Dalton, Grimm, Johnson, Architects.

Sherwood, Mills and Smith, Stamford, Connecticut-based architectural firm, has changed its name to The SMS Partnership/Architects and has opened a New York City office located at 101 Park Avenue. Willis N. Mills Jr., A.I.A., Robert T. Packard, A.I.A. and Howard A. Patterson Jr., A.I.A. have been named associate partners of the firm.

W. Allan Tuomaala and Arnold Serlin are now associates of Siegal Avrin Associates, Inc., Architects, of Detroit.

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James H. McManama, A.I.A. has become a partner of Wells & Meagher, Architects, and the Roanoke, Virginia's firm name has been changed to Wells, Meagher & McManama.

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